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"My Mother". . . *James McNeill Whistler*

The I.B.E.W. Salutes the International Handbag, Luggage, Belt and Novelty Workers' Union



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NINE of every ten handbags displayed by some 70 million American women are made by skilled members of the International Handbag, Luggage, Belt and Novelty Workers' Union.

Talented craftsmen of this 40,000-member AFL union also manufacture luggage, belts, such personal leather goods as wallets and keycases and a wide variety of leather novelties.

The Pocketbook Workers' Union of New York, regarded as the "mother union" in the craft, traces its origin back to 1886 when it was called the Purse Makers' Union. Early years of that union were marked by sporadic strikes, lockouts and a number of severe organizing setbacks.

In 1918, the newly-organized Fancy Leather Goods Workers' Union and the Fancy Leather Goods Association of Manufacturers signed their first collective bargaining agreement, negotiated through the efforts of Ossip Walinsky.

For a number of years, internal struggles marred progress of organizing efforts in these crafts. But, in 1950, all factions united into the strong and determined union which today is looking ahead to many years of successful bargaining in behalf of an important force of American craftsmen. Walinsky heads the union as International President, and Norman Zukowsky is secretary-treasurer. With great pride, the Journal this month pays tribute to this growing AFL union.

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A FREE WORLD AT WORK



THIS is a story about the United Nations. We want our people to know about it—what it is and what it does and how it works—and what peace-loving men everywhere hope it will accomplish.

For thousands of years, man has been making war against his fellowman, killing, destroying—creating misery and distress and desolation in the home of besieger and besieged alike. Through the centuries, men of all nations have played their hideous game—a game which has no rules, no umpire and no winners, for even the victors lose in the contest known as war.

Through all those centuries, there were men in every country who realized the bitter futility of war and sought to find a plan, whereby men could live in peace, and pool their strength to keep that peace.

But they never reached their goal—the dream never materialized. It almost did after World War I when the League of Nations was created—but died aborning.

But the dreams that are really great never die, they are recreated in the hopes and the efforts of other men another year and day.

The other day and year for this age-old dream of universal peace was June 26, 1945 for on that date in San Francisco, delegates of 50 nations, representing some 1,700,000,000 people, the great majority of mankind, resolved “to combine our efforts” to make a secure and better world through “an international organization to be known as the United Nations” and signed its charter.

Too few of our members know about the aims and ambitions of

the United Nations. Too many think of it, when they think of it at all, as some indefinite kind of meeting where a lot of talking is done in a foreign tongue. We wish every one of our members would read slowly and thoughtfully the preamble to the Charter of the United Nations which we are going to print for you here. This is not some indefinite foreign talk. This is what each one of us as a citizen of the United States or Canada, as a mother or father, as a free man or woman believes in and hopes for—a world free of hatred and war, where all have a chance to live and love and learn, and bring up their families without fear. It was for this that the United Nations—“the last best hope on earth”—was founded when its founders said:

Bro. William Goldstein, Local 1212, balances a table speaker in the UN Security Council Chamber.



Colin J. M. Kinnish operates a cutter at UN headquarters. More than 100 discs are cut every day in this laboratory.



WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS determined

To save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and

To reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and

To establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and

and for these ends

To practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and

To unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and

To ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and

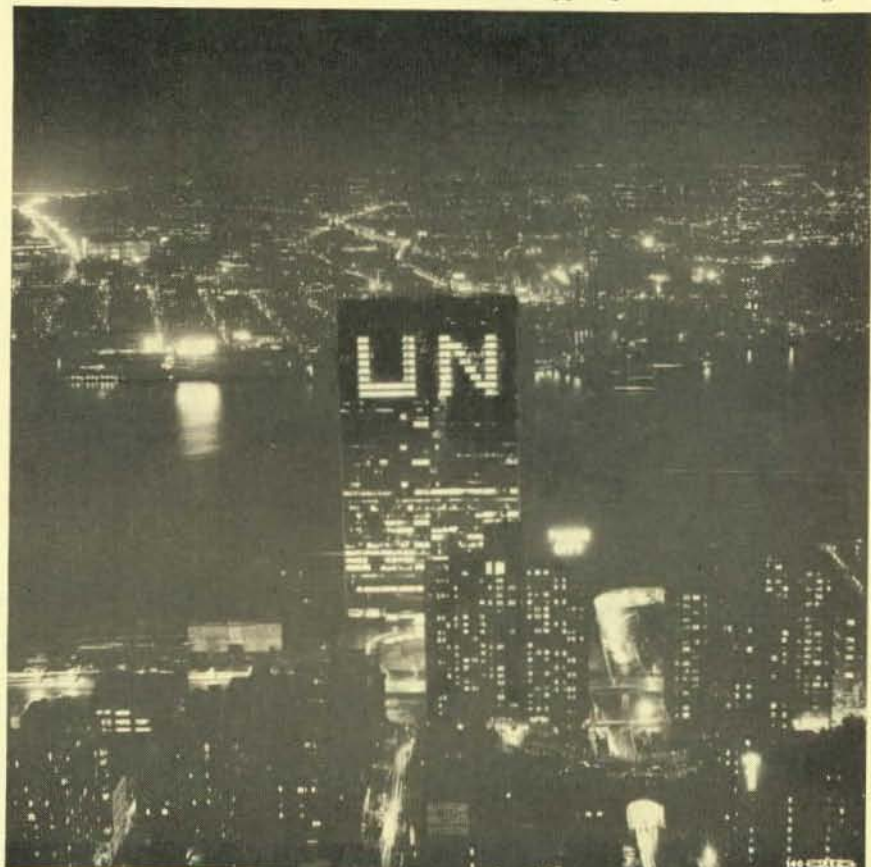
To employ international ma-

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is study in concentration as she listens to debate through her earphones. Thus she and other UN delegates are able to obtain simultaneous translation.



Above: Delegates gather preparatory to starting a meeting in one of many spacious halls at UN. Picture was made from the control booth.

Below: Using light to tell the world; the letters "UN" are beamed across Manhattan by office lights left on in upper part of the building.



chinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples, have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish these aims.

Accordingly, our respective Governments, through representatives assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present Charter of the United Nations and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations.

Membership in the United Nations is open to all peace-loving states which accept the obligations of the Charter and are judged by the organization to be able and willing to carry out these obligations. When the Charter was signed in 1945, 50 nations signed. Since that time, 10 other nations have been admitted bringing the total to 60.

The range of international relations is so tremendous in scope, that the Charter created six "principal organs" for accomplishing the work of the United Nations. These are: the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Trusteeship Council, the International Court of Justice and the Secretariat.

We want to tell you briefly what each of these organs does.

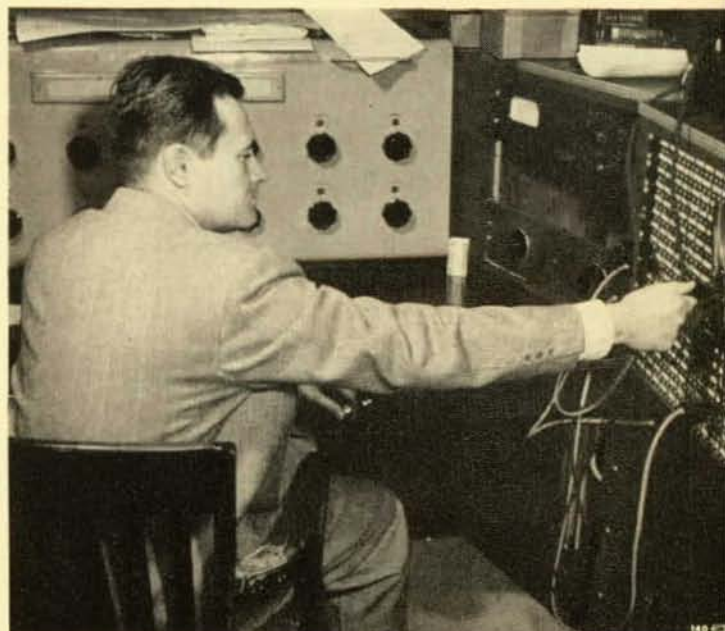


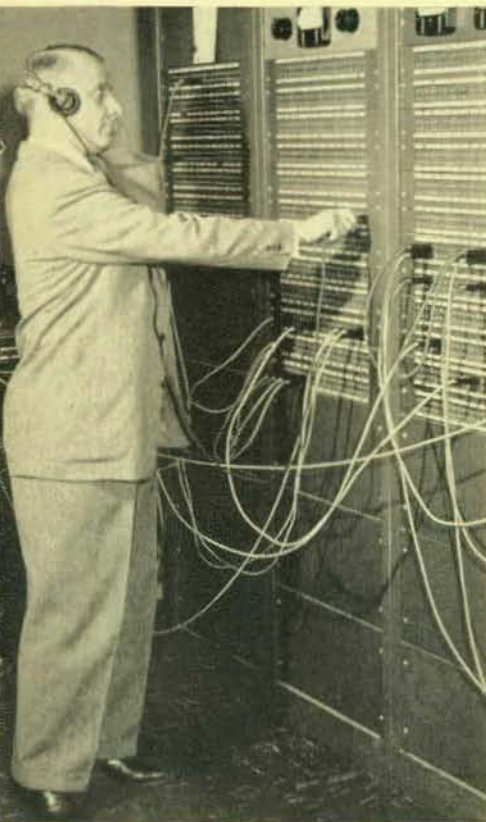
(1) The *General Assembly* is the main deliberative organ of the United Nations and it is the nearest equivalent there has ever been to a "Parliament of Man." It meets once a year, usually, and has the right to discuss and make recommendations on all matters within the scope of the Charter. It also has the right to discuss the powers and functions of all other organs, and it makes studies and recommendations to its Member States. Each Member State is represented at the General Assembly and has one vote though it may send as many as five representatives to the sessions. On or-

Above: The public throngs to UN hearings and dons headsets when foreign delegates are speaking. Each seat has a headset attached.

Below: Sidney Silver, member of Local 1212, at panel controlling the entire UN public address system.

Below left: Bro. Edward Brady on control console of Council Chambers. He attended Paris sessions.





Above: Andre Hahn, Local 1212, working patch board which routes programs to any room in the vast United Nations building.

Below: Construction still goes on as Richard Hartt and James Kilgore, Local 3, put up tele-communications construction racks.



dinary matters, the Assembly reaches its decisions by a simple majority of those present and voting and on important matters, by a two-thirds majority.

(2) The *Security Council* is composed of 11 members, five permanent and six elected by the General Assembly. It is on this organ that the responsibility for maintaining peace and security depends. In performing its functions the Security Council acts on behalf of the Member States, all of whom have agreed to accept and carry out its decisions.

The five permanent members of the Security Council are China, France, the U.S.S.R., the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Each member of the Security Council has one vote. Decisions on procedural matters are made by an affirmative vote of at least seven of the 11 members. Decisions on substantive matters also require only seven votes but these seven must include the concurring vote of all the five permanent members. This is the famous "veto" so often referred to.

The Security Council has the right to recommend ways and means of peaceful settlement and, in certain circumstances, the ac-

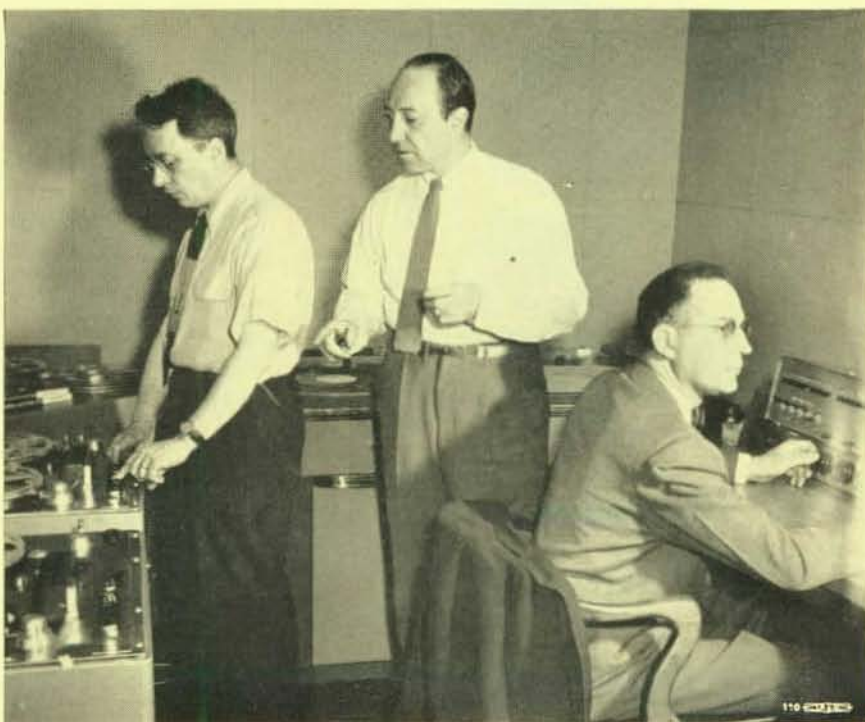
tual terms of settlement. In the event of an act of aggression, the Security Council has powers to take "enforcement measures in order to restore peace and security." These include severance of communications, of economic and diplomatic relations and if required, action by air, land and sea forces.

(3) The *Economic and Social Council* seeks to build a world of greater prosperity, stability and justice. It makes studies, reports and recommendations in international economic, social, cultural, educational, health and related matters and also with respect to human rights and fundamental freedoms for all. It prepares draft conventions on these subjects for submission to the General Assembly.

The Economic and Social Council is composed of 18 Member States, six of whom are elected each year by the General Assembly for a three-year term and meets as often as required to perform its duties.

(4) The *Trusteeship Council* is the U. N. organ for administering its policy with regard to countries which have not yet attained self-government. The United Nations

Brothers Louis Levy, Jeff Sparks and Andrew Draghi (shop steward at time photos were made) at work in Studio Five during a recording.





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Left: Picture's Burmese caption in color says: "Vincent Kane preparing mike for a Burmese broadcast from UN headquarters by Ma Than E." To prove, ask any Burmese member!

Below: Main audio distribution frame is checked by D. D. Jones, supervisor.



Charter has declared that the interests of the inhabitants of these areas are paramount and that Member States which administer such areas accept certain obligations as a sacred trust; obligations to promote political, economic, social and educational advancement; to provide just treatment and protection against abuses; to develop self-government; to further international peace and security; and to encourage constructive development.

(5) Next we consider the *International Court of Justice*, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, which sits at the Hague in the Netherlands. Fifteen judges elected independently by the Security Council and the General Assembly compose the Court.

The jurisdiction of the Court comprises all cases which the parties refer to it, and all matters especially provided for in the Charter or in treaties and conventions in force. The Court also provides advisory opinions on legal matters referred to it by the General Assembly and other organs of the United Nations.

(6) The vast administrative

functions of the United Nations are performed by its sixth principal organ, the *Secretariat*, the agency which working the year round, services the other organs and administers the programs and policies laid down by them. Trygve Lie, formerly Foreign Minister of Norway, was appointed Secretary-General in February 1946 to serve a five-year term. At the fifth session of the Assembly, he was continued in office for a period of three years.

That in brief is a description of the United Nations and the organs through which it works. We bring you these thumbnail descriptions here so you will have a better understanding of the set-up which is the mighty fortress and the only fortress that stands between civilization and the recurring annihilation of war.

A man was making a speech the other day and he said something which we felt was terribly important and something which we wanted to pass on to all our people. He said, "Nothing will survive unless used. We have to use the United Nations to make it work. We must live with the idea of



getting rid of rule by violence." He went on to say that there are many who attack the United Nations and condemn it. These attackers are the same people who have been attacking organized labor and all liberal views through the years.

It is important, then, for all members of organized labor everywhere to become better informed about the United Nations, to have faith in it, encourage its actions and inspire others to have faith in it. In furthering the humane

aims of the United Nations, we are at the same time furthering the same humane purposes for which our Brotherhood and every other labor union was founded.

Now this story of the United Nations has another facet which we also want to bring to the attention of all our readers.

In every operation of our daily life, the work of Electrical Workers plays a most important part and one which grows increasingly more important as modern science and invention bring more and

more areas into its sphere of influence.

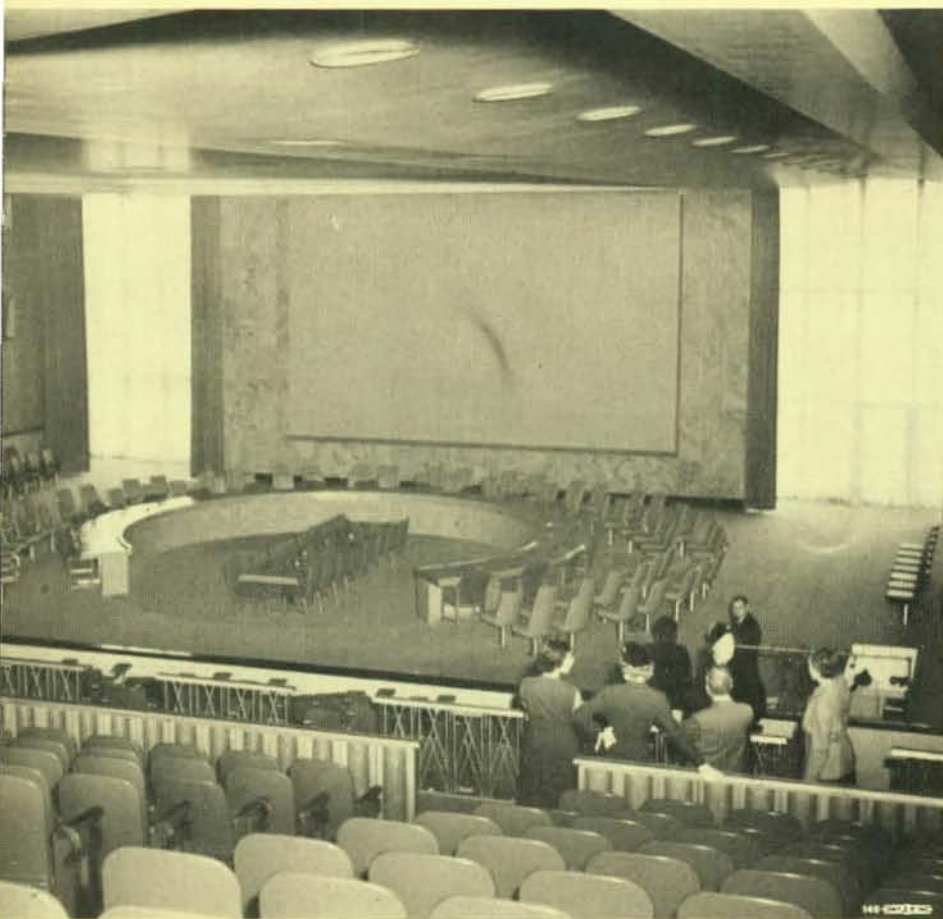
This was brought home to us most forcibly when we visited the United Nations Headquarters in New York to get information and pictures for our JOURNAL story.

The new United Nations permanent headquarters is nearing completion and a tour of inspection proved it a suitable environment for a "workshop for peace." The project occupies an 18-acre, six-block tract of land on Manhattan Island, running from 42nd Street on the south to 48th Street on the north and between First Avenue and the East River. This priceless site was purchased and presented to the United Nations by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

At first consideration, this waterfront property with its tenements, packing houses and breweries might have seemed lacking in inspiration as a site for so exalted an organization as the United Nations, but a look back into its history proved it the site of numerous skirmishes during the American Revolution, and further established it as the place where Nathan Hale, American patriot, in 1776 spoke those famous words, "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country!" and was "hanged from an apple tree" for his attempt to gain information for Commander-in-Chief George Washington.

Sixty-eight million dollars is the sum allotted for the project whose main elements will be a skyscraper office building accommodating U. N.'s 3,400 staff members at head-

Each headset at each seat has a separate volume control and selector for the desired translation.



Above: Visitors to UN are shown one of spacious conference rooms.

Right: A young visitor's eyes are widened as he tries out a headset.

Left: L.U. 3 members Robt. Naumberg and B. Coughlin adjust the lights for a CBS newsreel film.





Above: Bro. Irwin Einsohn (1212) cues a disc for dubbing in the UN cutting room.



Above: Bro. Frank Brooks and Latin-American Director Gonzales in the UN recording studio.

Below: Walter Stryko gets advice from a catwhisker expert in UN maintenance shop.



Below: Robert Robinson threads up a tape recorder preparatory to a UN studio stint.



quarters, a huge auditorium for the meetings of the General Assembly; and, lying low along the river, a building containing council chambers and conference rooms. In addition, there is also provided a 1,500 car underground garage.

Head architect for the project is an eminent American, Wallace K. Harrison. In making the plans, design consultants from 10 countries cooperated and the basic design was one presented by a Brazilian architect.

The Secretariat building has been completed. It is 39 stories above ground—544 feet high, 287 feet long, and only 72 feet wide. The two ends of the building are of Vermont marble (2,000 tons of it), windowless, blank, unrelieved. The sides, having 5,400 windows,

are almost solid glass. There are some who do not like the type of architecture, saying it "looks like a graham cracker on edge," but it is a modern building, typical of our era and it has functional beauty, for it is built for use and it has been laid out and constructed and equipped to do an efficient job. It is not just a monument to U. N. aspirations but a place where work can be done.

Within the building, all modern conveniences have been provided for efficient functioning of the staff. Glass in aluminum-framed windows, letting in a maximum of light over the 20 acres of office space, is especially designed to absorb the heat and reduce solar radiation. This, coupled with 4,000 under-the-window air con-

ditioning units offers ideal working conditions. A 12-degree temperature variation permits workers from 60-odd nations to "tune in" on the weather desired. An integrated system of electric dumbwaiters and conveyors, together with pneumatic tubes operating from a central distribution point, speeds the movement of documents and mail to all parts of the building.

The General Assembly Hall, facing a landscaped plaza on the north, is a sloping, double concave shaped structure topped with a shallow dome.

Aside from the 636 seats for delegations, the auditorium will accommodate some 800 visitors and 234 members of the press. On two lower levels there will be a fourth



Above: These are only a portion of the earphones which were removed from Lake Success halls when move was made to N.Y.C.



Above: CBS newsreel set-up finds L. Racies on camera, T. Phillips audio and director P. Scheffer. Their subject in rear is UN delegate Carol Binder.

Right: This light-weight plastic earpiece was developed to lighten the load on delegate's heads during lengthy sessions.



large conference room, radio studios, committee rooms, recording facilities and a master control room, the center of a vast communications system serving the entire headquarters.

In the conference area, the link connecting the Assembly Hall with the Secretariat building, there are three large council chambers—one each for the Security, Economic and Social and Trusteeship Councils. These beautiful colorful chambers were designed and furnished chiefly by Norway, Sweden and Denmark, each contributing one chamber.

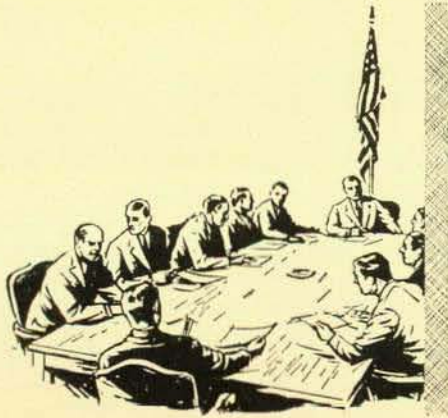
Many other governments have made gifts of wood, marble, furnishings, etc. for decorating the various sections of the United Nations headquarters, and the United Nations in purchasing materials has kept the international character of the organization in mind—limestone from Britain, marble from Italy, carpets, office furniture and library shelving from France, carpets from Scotland and England, chairs and fabrics from Greece and Czechoslovakia, tables and fabrics from the Netherlands, tables from Switzerland and various woods for interior finishings from the Philippines, Cuba, Guatemala, the Belgian Congo, Norway, Belgium and Canada.

I.B.E.W. Part

We felt that this general description of the U.N. headquarters would prove interesting to all our members. But what is more interesting because it concerns our own work, is the vast electrical installations throughout the entire headquarters. The lighting alone could be an entire story in itself, and the vast communications system set up at the United Nations with all its provisions for broadcasting, televising, recording and its public address system for ready translation into five languages is the most varied and complicated on the face of the earth.

Installation of all the equipment was made by members of Local Union 3 in New York. It was tested and is now operated and maintained by members of Radio

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes and Report of the International Executive Council.

Regular Meeting Beginning March 10, 1952.

All Council Members present—Paulsen, Marciano, Caffrey, Myers, Scholtz, Broach, Carle, Foehn and Cockburn.

The last Council minutes and report were approved as written.

The Auditor's regular reports were examined, discussed and filed.

The International President submitted a list to the Council of Local Unions whose affairs had been returned to the membership when International charge ended.

CASE OF LOCAL UNION 1505

A dispute arose between Local Unions 1505 of Waltham, Mass. and 103 of Boston over work being done in the Raytheon Manufacturing Plant at Waltham.

Vice President Regan assigned two representatives to investigate the dispute and report to him. After their written report was submitted to Regan he rendered his decision. Local Union 1505 then appealed to the International President.

The President upheld Regan's decision and Local 1505 appealed to this Council. We set a date to hear the case and the following appeared to represent their Local Unions:

John O'Grady,	Local 1505
James Johnsen,	" "
Alfred Manning,	" "
Andre Jasse,	Local 103
John Queeney,	" "
John Gilmore,	" "

Both Sides Have Merit

Both sides were fully heard and both expressed dissatisfaction with the decisions rendered. Both made very good presentations.

The Council believes the claims of both sides have merit. But we know how impractical, if not impos-

sible, it is to define, classify and divide electrical work in every detail to fit all jobs.

After hearing the case, and studying the record, the Council believes the Vice President's decision—which was upheld by the President—a fair one in view of all the circumstances.

For these reasons the appeal is denied.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY

The Council granted a request of the International Secretary for authorization to open a bank account with the National Newark & Essex Banking Company. This account is to meet expenses of the Brotherhood's organizing campaign—opposing the CIO raid—in the Western Electric Plants in Kearny, N. J.

Each International Officer and employee has, in the past, been bonded for \$100,000. Secretary Milne requested this be increased to \$1 million under a primary commercial blanket bond. The request was granted.

PENSIONS APPROVED

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Erickson, Adolph	886
Amie, Floyd V.	948
Smith, Daniel W.	1037
Nicolson, Andrew	1086
Kessler, A. F.	1245
Penders, Walter V.	1245
Stone, Fred L.	1249

BIRTH DATES CORRECTED

Acceptable evidence was presented to the Executive Council and corrections have been made in the International records in the birth dates of the following members:

Card In The I.O.	Formerly Of L.U.
MacFarlane, John D.	11
Wolff, Joseph A.	17
Bisson, Elmer L.	77
Maulding, E. V., Sr.	125
Yeomans, Warner D.	181

	Membership In L. U.
Burke, Fred W.	3
Delehanty, Frank	3
Griffin, Bernard J.	3
Killian, Frank	3
Marra, John	3
Sabeau, Samuel C.	3
Tamke, Louis	3
Torraca, Joseph P.	3
Joyce, Michael E.	5
Whitney, Emmett J.	31
Leslie, James C.	51
Fedder, Hugo C.	145
Brenden, Wallace H.	160
Lieser, Joseph B.	160
O'Malley, Thomas	160
Reddick, William A.	160
Richter, W. J.	160
RocheFord, Harry R.	160
Schmitt, Conrad F.	160
Swenson, Robert	160
Voclavek, Michael	160
Lang, Arthur	245
Wirshup, Frank A.	302
Dill, Clarence	405
Chamberlain, George F.	713
Shoulders, Thomas	723
Bishop, Noble E.	798
Doyle, Joseph	865
Baize, Mayhugh	885
Bailey, Frank L.	897
Testerman, O. C.	934
Daigle, George P.	952
Sallberger, Albert	953
Smith, O. N.	1245

BIRTH DATES NOT CHANGED

Requests for changes in birth dates in the International records of the following members were denied. The records will be changed—to show a different birth date from what was originally given—when acceptable evidence is submitted to the Council.

Card In The I.O.	Formerly Of L.U.
Meyers, William H.	11

	Membership In L. U.
Rosenbaum, William R.	1703

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The Executive Council adjourned Saturday, March 15, 1952.

The next regular Council meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, June 12, 1952.

H. H. BROACH,
*Secretary of
Executive Council.*



ALL the world loves a circus! There's something about the sound of the old steam calliope, the smell of the fresh sawdust, the prancing horses, the raucous clowns, the lumbering elephants, that brings out the little part in all of us that never grows old—yes, just everyone loves the circus!

It used to be that folks only had the chance to see the circus once a year, in the appointed week for its visit to the old hometown, but modern living has changed all that—at least for those millions of people who have television sets and live east of the Rockies. For every Saturday at noon a real circus is brought right into thousands of living rooms via the skilled service of the members of our Philadelphia Radio and TV Local No. 1241. These are the boys, employees of Station WCAU who have been putting the "Sealtest Big Top" on the air for over 20 months.

This hour show brings to the TV receiver, wild beasts of the jungle and their trainers, death-defying trapeze artists, bareback riders and of course a galaxy of clowns without which no circus would be a circus.

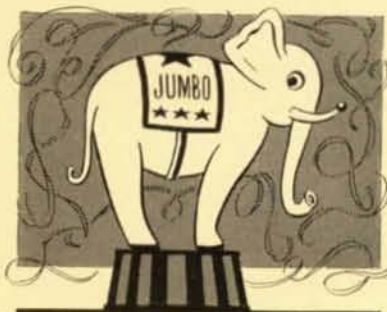
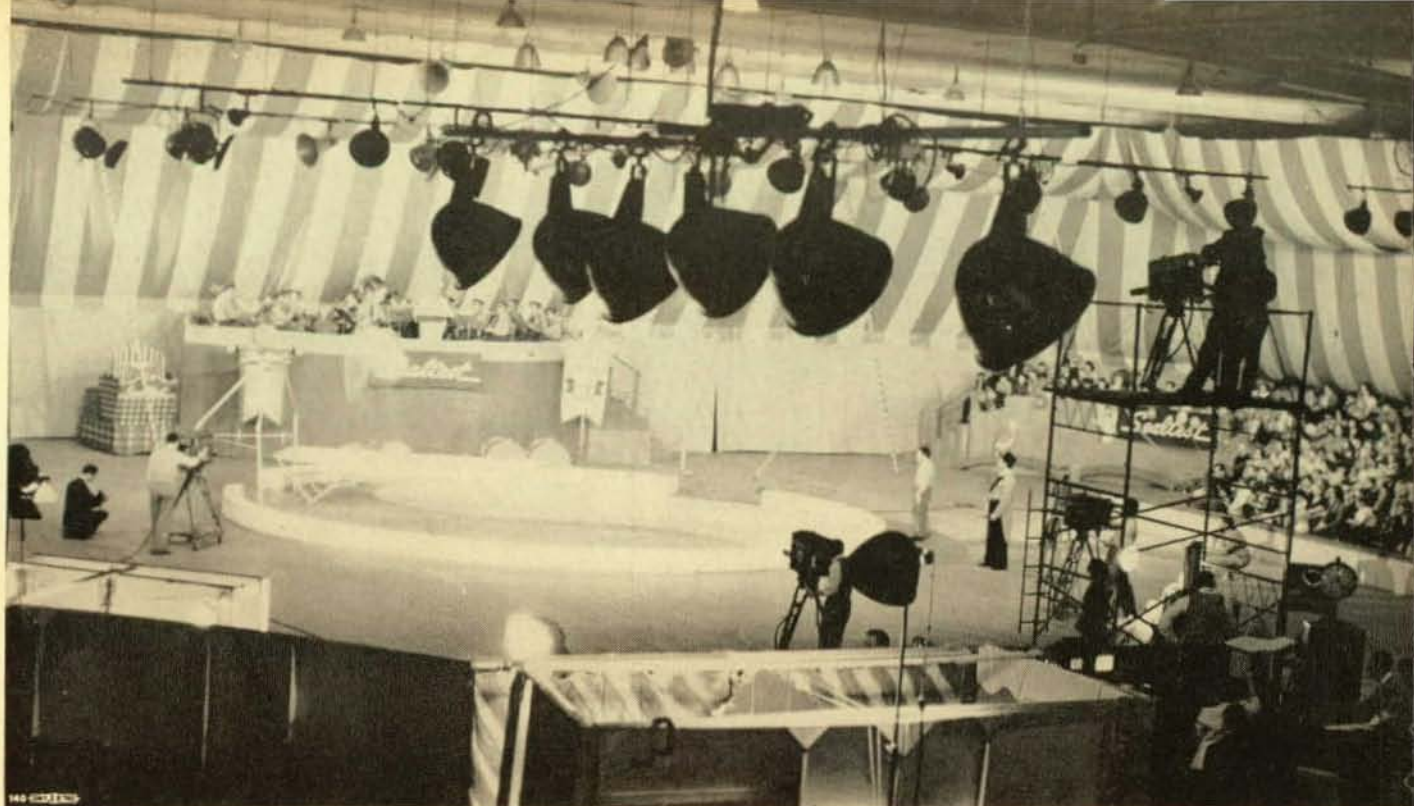
And talk about the "biggest show on earth," "Sealtest Big Top" is the biggest television show on the air with the biggest audience both in and out of the biggest "Studio," the biggest staff and the most people performing before the camera of any show on the video screen.

And here's the proof: "Sealtest Big Top" has the highest daytime rating. Its "live" audience averages 3,000 children and their parents weekly. Around 350 people are "on camera" on every show. Then "Big Top" has the largest regular television studio, the Camden, New Jersey Auditorium. Raymond Loewy, the famous industrial designer turned the auditorium into a set to simulate a circus tent, with a pale yellow ring, fluorescently lighted, with a billowy pink and white striped big top overhead. Backstage, or backtent, should we say, are more than 125 people seeing that this show gets on and off. Sixteen of these people are our members of L.U. 1241, the TV engineering crew who operate the cameras, the radio, the lights, skillfully catching every action of the performing circus stars and transmitting them into homes,

large and small, over a major portion of our country.

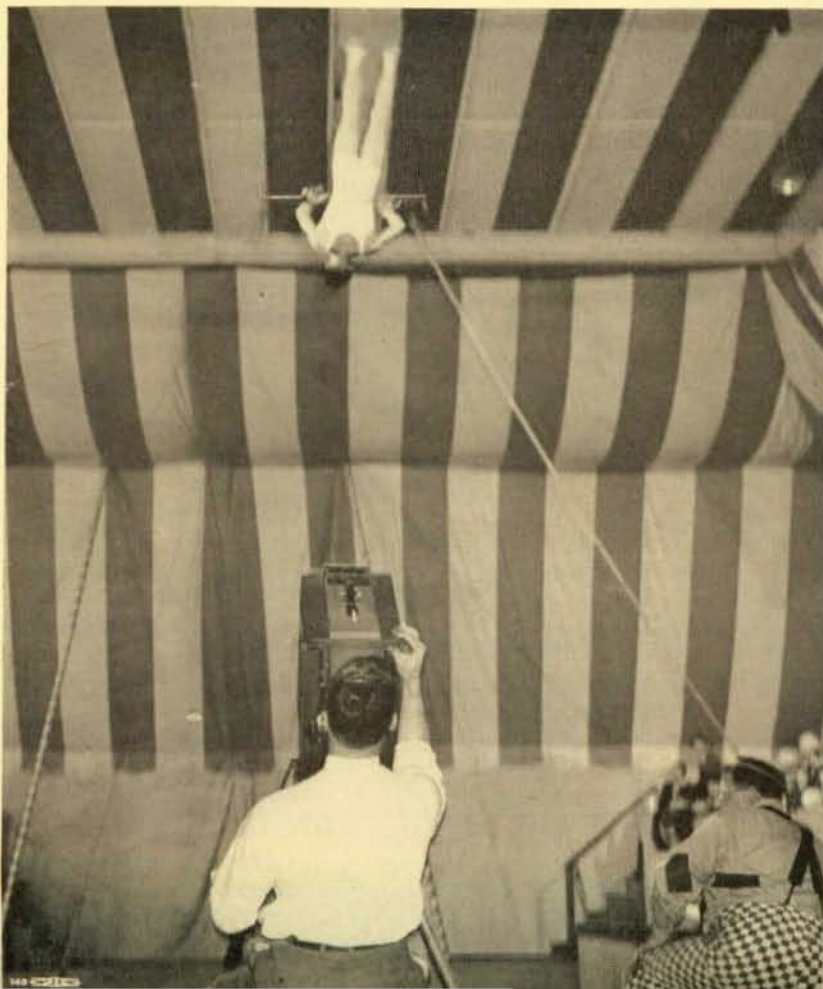
It is difficult for a person sitting in his home and watching a TV show, to realize all that is going on behind the scenes, to get the show smoothly on the air. The "Big Top," because of its very nature, requires the ultimate in skilled service. Four cameras are in use. A whole battery of panels are set up just out of range of the cameras for video and audio control. At various points throughout the auditorium, powerful spotlights are in operation, lights which enable the cameras to do their pickup work efficiently. One of these spots is entitled the "Crow's Nest," another—the "Pigeon Coop," indicating something concerning their position.

We often hear of the script used by actors and actresses in a show and by the director. Did you know that our TV engineers follow a script as closely as any performer? Here's an excerpt



Above: General view as Sealtest Circus gets underway from Camden convention hall near Philly.

Below: Bro. Bob Graham "catches" "the man on the flying trapeze" with his camera during the show.



from one sheet of the script Ed Harper, the crew chief, was using the day we visited "Big Top" in production. It may read like Greek to some TV laymen, but it's crystal clear to the boys at the cameras and controls.

Video

At close of last act, use following as cushion when needed:
Camera pans crowd.
Super Jingle over crowd as he bows goodbye . . . then super (one by one) the two circus clowns and drum majorette

Cut to MS of singing group in booth.
(Close to mike)

Audio

Music: Band

Applause up throughout panning

Music: Band out

Music: Calliope

Group: Now it's time for us to say

A daring cameraman moves in close on an animal trainer's act as the WCAU Saturday circus goes on air.



The kids (and adults too!) in studio audience enjoy the antics of the clowns during the pre-show "warm-up".



Director Charles Vanda lends an ear to message brought by a circus clown.



Dolly in on group to CU as they sing

So long 'til another day
Next week the Sealtest Big Top
Brings more thrills and comedy
Make a date—be sure to see...
What Sealtest has for you...
Be sure and see our show.

Cut to Sterling in front of bandstand

Sterling: Well, the Sealtest Circus train is ready to pick us up. We hope you've had fun under the Sealtest Big Top... and we hope you'll have *more* fun—right now—with good Sealtest Ice Cream.

It never fails to amaze your *Journal* staff on visits to our Radio and TV members at work, the ease and skill with which they perform their exacting tasks. It would seem with such a responsible job at hand, with split-second timing involved, that our members would be tense and nervous. They never appear to be—their work seems like second nature to them and we've never met a single radio or TV engineer who didn't like his job. That's probably why they're so good at it.

The Sealtest set was a pleasant, friendly place. The TV crew, the Smoothies—the attractive young woman and young men who sing the commercials, the circus bark-



Brother Froelich moves up for the finale of the elephant act as the huge pachyderms and their trainer take their bows before the camera.



Jerry Stahler, perched high up above the bleachers, operates big spotlight.





The cameras are "levelled down" on target cards before the beginning shots of "Sealtest Circus."



Brothers Urian and Murphy light and televise the proceedings near the ceiling from high platform.

er, Sealtest Dan Lurie, the strong man, Ringmaster Jack Sterling, and all the others seemed like the oft-quoted "one happy family." This family certainly didn't resemble the proverbial shoemaker's who went without shoes however, for there was Sealtest ice cream in abundance for everybody, including the entire studio audience.

Speaking of that audience, there is great clamor among the local people to be part of the "live" audience of the "Big Top" show. This desire to see "Big Top" in person is not just confined to the local area either, and fans come from far and near to see a "Big Top" show in the making. The week before we visited

Camden Auditorium, a mother and father and their five children had spent 16 hours on the train, journeying all the way from Milwaukee to see the show. Immediately after, they began the long trip back home.

The performers are not all local people either, in fact practically all of them are "imported" from famous circus and carnival acts to go through their paces for the television audience.

This is truly great American entertainment and we are proud of our I.B.E.W. members who labor weekly to bring a real circus with its excitement and thrills to a waiting audience of children and the grown-up children who will always love a circus.

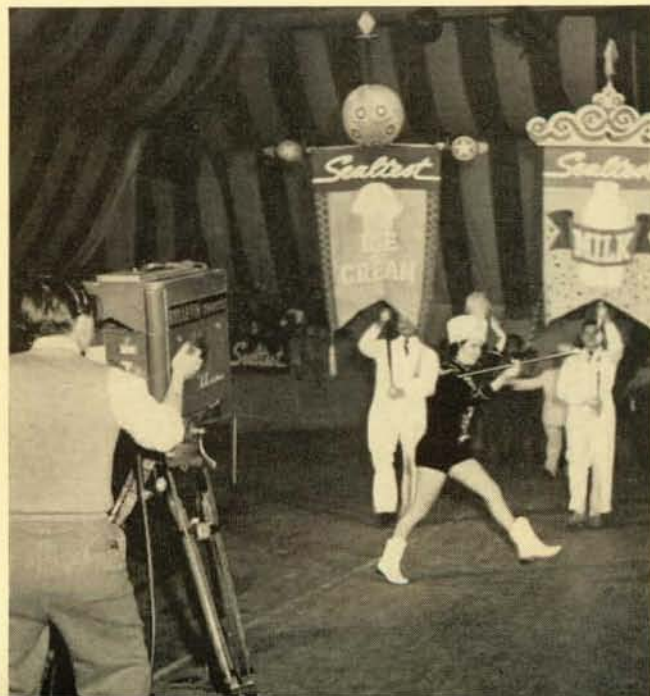


Above: Clowns Bill Bailey and Hank Bielecki give IBEW cameraman Jack Durnin benefit of "expert advice."



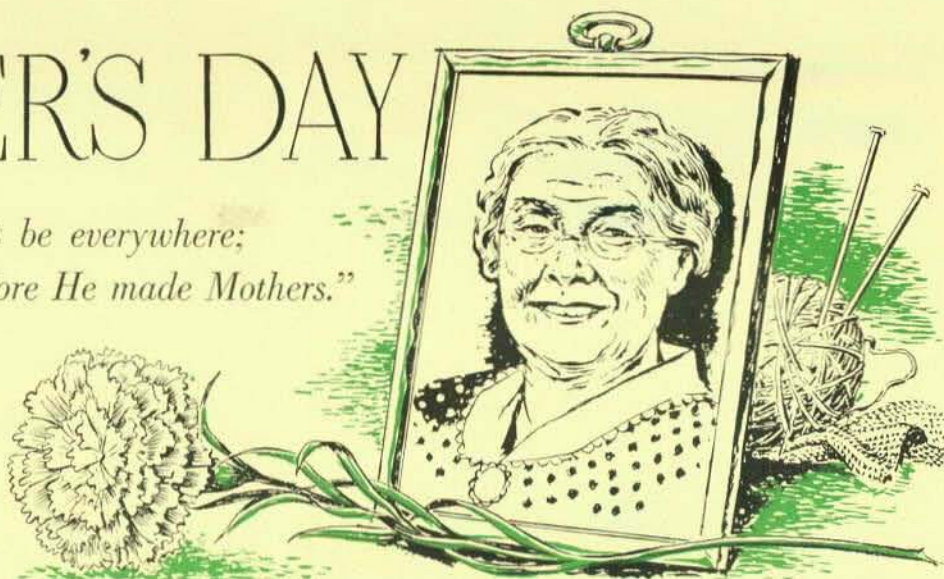
Brother Froelich moves in for a close-up of Jingle, clown on the commercial portion of the show. The Saturday WCAU program is a Saturday favorite.

Below: In opening shot of the show, Jack Durnin catches every movement of "The Circus Parade."



MOTHER'S DAY

*"God could not be everywhere;
therefore He made Mothers."*



IN every state within these United States and in many countries throughout the world, one day in the year has been set aside for honoring Mothers. This day, the second Sunday in May, is the day when we pay tribute to the person who has been our adviser, protector, guide, and above all, our dearest and most understanding friend.

The commemoration of paying honor to Mothers is a comparatively new idea in our country. The English, many years ago, observed such a day which they called "Mothering Day." Falling on a Sunday around the middle of the Lenten season, it was on this day that young men and women serving as apprentices away from home returned to visit their parents usually bringing with them a little gift. A popular remembrance of that day was a simnel cake—a rich fruit-like cake, with an outer crust made of flour and water.

In Yugoslavia the day had a little different type celebration. On "Materitse" the children of a family would bind their mother and wouldn't let her go until she

had promised them something good to eat.

The same custom was observed in Serbia, where the mother would hide little gifts under the pillow to give to her children.

It wasn't until 1907 that the idea of commemorating a special day for paying tribute to mothers was introduced in our country. The real founder was a Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia who, wishing to honor the memory of her own mother, worked many years writing letters, and making speeches appealing to the people to set aside one day in the year for the expression of love to our mothers.

It wasn't until May 9, 1914, that Miss Jarvis received her reward for her most diligent efforts. For it was on this day that President Wilson issued a proclamation declaring that the second Sunday in May, the anniversary of the day on which Miss Jarvis' mother, Mrs. Anna M. Reeves Jarvis, died, should be observed as Mother's Day. This day was to be commemorated "as public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

The carnation, the symbol of the day, is also a part of the story of Anna Jarvis. The mother of 11 children and wife of a minister, Mrs. Jarvis was the proud owner of a garden. Known for her generosity of heart, Mrs. Jarvis found great pleasure in giving her flowers to those who had none. Her favorite and most precious flower was the carnation and it is because of her love for this blossom that it was chosen as the symbol of Mother's Day.

It is thought that the carnation is the most fitting of all flowers because: "The whiteness of the blossom . . . represents the purity of motherhood, the calyx symbolizes life, its fragrance is like the incense of a mother's prayers, its wide field of growth exemplifies the boundless charity of a mother's love; its enduring characteristics, her fidelity. And, crowning touch of all, the carnation's habit of folding its faded petals to its heart instead of dropping them. . . . illustrates as no other picture could the undying quality of a mother's love."

Editorial

by J. SCOTT MILNE, Editor

It All Depends

There's a popular old maxim that goes, "It all depends on whose ox is gored." That saying has come to the mind of many a union member in the short period which has elapsed since the seizure of the steel industry by the President of the United States. The nation's secular press has gone all out to condemn the President and blast his action. One paper even went so far as to liken Mr. Truman to "Adolf Hitler in his wildest days," while several set up cries for impeachment. And just in case this "news coverage" didn't influence public opinion sufficiently, the Steel Trust deluged the newspapers with full-page ads overflowing with bitter recriminations.

Brothers and Sisters, do you remember the Government seizure of the railroads nearly two years ago? Was there any "hue and cry" from the railroads? Was there general condemnation from the newspapers? There was not! The newspapers reported that the President had acted with courage and foresight. Why? Because the seizure of the railroads benefited management in that particular labor dispute. In the time that the railroads have been Government operated, the company has been given two freight increases which amount to sizable "wage boosts" for them. However, there have been no increases for the workers. There has been no outburst in the daily press regarding the railroad seizure because management has benefited.

However, in the steel seizure, the steel industry, by action of the Wage Stabilization Board, believes that the union may benefit as a result of Government operation, hence the cries to high heaven.

A review of the facts in the steel case will prove the workers on the side of right and justice—not by their own admission but by vote of the Governmental Boards set up to judge situations like that of the steel case.

The Wage Stabilization Board recommended a 12½ cent-an-hour increase for the workers, with five cents later in installments. The President's National Advisory Board on Mobilization Policy, composed of members from industry, labor, agriculture and consumers, backed up the Wage Stabilization Board in its decisions by a vote of 12 to one.

Also this Board declared that the steel industry was not entitled to a greater price rise than is permitted under existing stabilization regulations. That would

amount to less than \$5 a ton, as against the exorbitant \$12 demanded by the steel firms.

To his undying credit, Chief of Price Stabilization Ellis Arnall has "stuck to his guns" in his defense of the public interest. He has blasted the steel industry's attempted holdup of the public, declaring that the price increase asked would force the average family budget up \$300 a year and stating: "Not while I can raise my voice to prevent it, will there be any such price increase as the steel people have talked about."

As your *Journal* went to press, the issues were still being weighed in the balance. It is good to know that a great many of the people in important posts in our Government, in whom we have placed our confidence, are standing by the side of right and justice regardless of the repercussions.

Meantime the repercussions go on and on in the stormy pages of the press—a press that fires or holds its fire to suit its own best interests. It all depends. It all depends on whose ox is gored.

The Most Powerful Weapon

This editorial is based on a little story I heard the other day. The story goes, that the Devil decided to go out of business and was therefore going to sell his tools. He laid them out on display for all to see and choose. Malice and Jealousy and Hatred and Anger and Greed and Pride were readily recognized by all prospective buyers. But the tool which bore the highest price tag, was a small, worn, wedge-shaped instrument which no one seemed to be able to identify. "That tool," said the Devil, "is my most valuable one. It opens many doors and with it I can break down many a strong soul, for few people know that it belongs to me. That little tool is my weapon, Discouragement."

This unusual tale fascinated me, once its truth penetrated. How many of us, beset by discouragement and failure, give up—we don't finish a job begun, we don't even start others, we refuse to get into the fight because of that old Devil Discouragement that says, "What's the use!"

There are a few tried and true sayings we might recall to mind, to drive home the point we're striving to make in this editorial. One is—"The battle is won by the army which stays in the field the last 15

minutes." Another, "The fighter who becomes champion is the one who stays in the ring and punches until the last bell is rung."

We mustn't let discouragement get us down. It's certainly no disgrace to fail, and fall beaten to the ground. The disgrace comes from lying there. Be invulnerable to that weapon which Satan calls his most powerful and most priceless. Keep on keeping on!

It Makes Good Sense

Suppose someone said to you, by doing just two simple things, you can guarantee for yourself these vastly important other things—security, better pay, lower prices, fair taxes. Being a normal person of sound mind, you'd find out pretty quickly what the simple things were and then you'd do them.

Well friends, that's exactly the proposition that is being made to you and to the millions of our Brothers and Sisters in this labor movement today and every day—until it's too late.

There is only one way to insure a fair deal for the working men and women of this country and that's at the polling places of our nation come election day. The friends of organized labor are going to look after the interests of the members of organized labor *if* they are elected. That *IF* is our responsibility. Organized labor has the votes *if* it will use them. And *if* every unionist and every eligible member of his family is registered and *if* every member votes and votes for the friends of labor, that big *if* becomes an *is*. If a friendly Congress *is* in office, our security *is* insured, our way of life *is* secure.

There's another point. It takes votes to win an election. It takes money too. Money for material and a program whereby the people can be informed who their friends are. Big Business, the N.A.M., the moneyed interests, will be spending millions to get their boys elected to Congress. We don't need so much. All LLPE is asking from every member is a dollar. With a dollar bill from every A.F. of L. member in the United States, our Labor's League could give a bang-up performance.

Our people have done a splendid job of getting on the band wagon. If that band wagon passed you by, won't you act today? If your local isn't doing the expected job of collecting for LLPE, send your dollar direct to us, we'll see that it gets to headquarters where it can go to work for us all.

This year, 1952, can be another 1948. Remember what happened just four years ago when organized labor really got busy and did a job?

When the votes were all in, 12 new friends of labor were elected to the Senate, every old friend was reelected and 17 enemies were defeated. And in the House, every old friend was reelected, 172 friends went in and 106 enemies went out.

We did it in 1948. We can do it again in 1952. It only takes two simple steps. But not a fourth, not a half, but all of our members must take those two simple steps to do the job.

A few minutes time to register—a few minutes time to vote, and a dollar bill—these are the steps. And the return? Security—the guarantee that you and I and John and Tom and Bill and Mary, can continue to bargain collectively, earn a decent wage, pay fair prices and taxes.

Does it make good sense to take those steps? You bet it does! Just one thing more—there isn't much time left—act today!

I. B. E. W. Victories

Talk of elections brings to mind a few elections here at home—in the I.B.E.W. Recent decisive victories in our manufacturing, telephone, radio and utility fields have been most encouraging to your International Officers and Representatives. These victories are significant not only for the members involved and the representatives and organizers who did what they could to help them. They are important to every one of our 500,000 members, because each victory great or small, each group of 5 or 500 or 5000 members which becomes an integral part of our Brotherhood, gives solidarity to the whole. The stronger we become, the more of us there are to stand solidly together, the more secure we will become also, and the more gains we will be able to attain, not for a few locals or a few members, but for all.

We have often said—you—each one of you, is our best organizer. You are the union. You and 500,000 like you. It is you who win new members for our ranks, you who win the elections, you who make our Brotherhood strong.

These recent victories are only the beginning. With a determined, informed, alert membership, there is no limit to the goals we can reach, the workers we can organize, the elections we can win.

There's Good News!

Statistics have just been issued on our United States death rate for the year ended July 1, 1951. It was 10 percent under 1940 and the lowest in United States history. The baby born today can expect to live a full 21 years longer than the child born in 1900 and his life expectancy is increasing every year.

This is encouraging news. It is all the more encouraging when we read about the gains being made daily by doctors and research scientists in the war against disease. This coupled with the yearly improvements in living standards, promises to all of us, not only a longer life, but a healthier and happier one.

One point we must make here, however. Are you planning for that longer life? Will you have the material means to enjoy it? "BA" and "B" members especially, take note. Our "A" members are going to have their IBEW pension to help out in their older years. It's available to you too. Better plan now for that longer life ahead so you may enjoy it to the fullest.

A Free World at Work

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and TV Local 1212—approximately 40 of them working full time at U.N. headquarters.

Our visit to the Council Chambers and studios of the U.N. building, forcibly demonstrated the scope and extent of the work of these members of Local 1212 employed in the operations there.

The fact that the United Nations is comprised of some 60 member nations and that meetings must therefore be multi-lingual provided a problem in audio distribution to our members—but a problem which they solved successfully. The work performed by our members at the U.N. may be compared to that of the most complex network operations. In addition to four networks served, daily programs are broadcast to Europe, the Middle East, China, South America, New Zealand, Australia, the Philippines, Russia and Iceland. Some broadcasts are "live" ones while others are transcribed to tape and disc. Over 100 discs are recorded every day—some for broadcasting—others just for the record, as every word spoken in the U.N. Council Chambers is recorded and filed.

Fourteen cutters can record 14 various sessions simultaneously through a console switching system which can feed any one of 24 lines to any one of 14 tables in any combination.

We visited the sound control booth for one of the council chambers. It was only in its second day of operation since it was still under construction. It consists of three systems of which the engineer has control.

System one is microphone control, by which he controls the level of the microphone of any delegate.

System two is interpreter control. The engineer feeds the delegates' speeches through the interpreters booths directly below his control booth. They interpret and he then takes it through the con-

sole, controls the level and redistributes it to the complete language network all over the Council Chamber. Every delegate's seat in each Council Chamber is fitted with a plastic earphone and a six-position switch. By a flip of the switch he may hear the speech in any of the five official languages. When the switch is on Position (1), the speech is heard in its original tongue, on (2) English, (3) French, (4) Russian, (5) Spanish, (6) Chinese.

System three over which our engineer has control is the public address system. There are ceiling speakers above the sections reserved for the public in all the Council Chambers, and small speakers are built into the tables and backs of chairs to give sound reinforcement to the whole delegate area.

Needless to say split-second timing is required in handling the above-mentioned feeds along with those going to recording secretaries and other channels.

Our members have done a great deal of work in the U.N. operations televising various conferences, interviews, etc. With the U.N. now in its permanent headquarters, a vast expansion of television production is expected.

We visited the fine studios manned by our L.U. 1212 members at the U.N. When construction is completed, there will be in addition, two large production studios, two TV studios and two studios for the immediate interviews of delegates.

There is much that is complicated in the installation and operation of the vast amount of electrical equipment at the U.N. which enables our members to do the efficient job they so consistently perform. For example the main audio distribution frame with its capacity of about 8,000 lines was beyond the comprehension of a layman, but its operation is crystal clear to the men whose job it is to understand its operations.

Yes, we saw much intricate equipment in operation. Needless to say there must also be a "behind-the-scenes" crew keeping all this equipment in good running order. We visited a workshop at the U.N. where all equipment in need of overhaul or repair, from Ampex tape machines to TV cameras, are sent to be put in order by 1212's maintenance crew.

We of the IBEW are proud that members of ours are playing such a prominent and important part in all that goes on at the United Nations. We are happy to bring you in this article, photos and a description of their work. We are glad too, to be able to present to our readers a picture of what the United Nations is and what it is trying to do. It represents four-fifths of the world's population, a mighty force united in a common ideal of freedom and human dignity.

Certain lines of the Poet Longfellow could well be applied to the United Nations:

"Humanity with all its fears,
With all the hopes of future years
Is hanging breathless on thy fate!"

We urge all our members to have understanding for this great "Workshop for Peace," and faith that it can work. It can work, if man will make it work, and bring that goal that war-weary men through all the ages have sought—it can attain peace in our time for all time.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the many persons who assisted us in obtaining the material and pictures for this article, Mr. Charles Calame and Mr. Edward Long, business representatives of Local Union 1212. Mr. Eichwald, contractor in charge of installing all communications equipment at the United Nations, Mr. Andrew Draghi and Mr. William Goldstein, 1212 engineers on duty at the United Nations, and all the others who so kindly extended their cooperation to us. Without the help of all these people this article could never have been written and we are grateful.

PLAY BALL!

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PLAY BALL! In cities great and small from Ebbets Field, Brooklyn to the sandlot in Mudville, where mighty Casey once struck out, this is a familiar and well-loved sound. Come spring, Americans old and young flock out to root for the old home team, be it the Boston Braves or the Pittsburgh Pirates or Brooklyn's beloved "Bums" or just the Tooner-ville Nine in any town square. Baseball is part of Americana—

it's almost as much a part of our heritage as the Boston Tea Party or the Ride of Paul Revere. It's not only America's favorite sport, it's part of her way of life. To Americans baseball always was and always will be. However, it had to start somewhere and most people believe it began in Cooperstown, New York. There, just off Main Street, in the very heart of the village, a young student laid out the first baseball diamond in a

cow pasture, formulated the first rules and instructed his companions in the intricacies of the game. This student was Abner Doubleday, later Major General Doubleday, who distinguished himself in Civil War Campaigns. Today Doubleday Field in the town of Cooperstown, embraces the original field where the first diamond was laid out, and this historic village is also the site of the National Museum of Baseball with its distinguished Hall of Fame of Baseball Immortals.

That's the way the account of the origin of baseball goes. There are many who have made a serious study of the beginnings of the game who say that the story must be taken with a grain of salt—that baseball evolved slowly as a sort of combination of the old English games of rounders and cricket. Some believe that children developed the game, imitating their elders performing at cricket, and playing with battered balls and worn bats passed on to them. Wickets did not wear out, however, and since the adults retained them, the youngsters devised a game of their own without benefit of wickets. The game became more and more popular and spread to

This was artist's conception of the season's opening game in 1894. Caption said pennant battle began under most "auspicious circumstances."





Artist's sketch above shows an overall view of the Polo Grounds, the present day home of New York Giants, during an early-day "match." At right is one of hottest pitchers to perform for the New York team at Polo Grounds right after turn of the century. He is Christy Mathewson, who had his best year in 1909. Ty Cobb, lower right, is generally conceded to be greatest hitter in baseball history. A fiery competitor, he led American League in batting twelve seasons. He won the championship nine straight years beginning in 1909 and in '17, '18, '19.

many cities. It was called "Town Ball" in Philadelphia and Boston. In New York it was termed "One Old Cat," and "Two Old Cat," and later became known as the "New York Game."

It is thought that the game came to be known as baseball when the stakes used for stations, which used to be four feet high and caused injury to players, were abandoned and at first stones, and shortly after bags of sand, termed bases, began to be used.

Baseball was then, sort of an evolution and the story of its real beginning will always be one of surmise.

Real baseball fans will be interested in some of the following important dates in baseball history:

In 1845, the first baseball organization was formed in New York. It was called the Knickerbocker Baseball Club and one year later they drew up the standard rules by which the game was to be played.

In 1859 the first inter collegiate game was played. The contestants

—Williams and Amherst Colleges and the site was Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Each side had 13 players and rules provided a man could only be retired on a fly ball. Amherst won 66 to 32.

Also in 1859 the first game to which admission was charged was held. Admission 50 cents. Paid spectators, 1,500. Baseball has come a very long way from that time. Last year 341,977 persons paid \$1,633,457. to see the World Series.

In 1864 William A. ("Candy") Cummings pitching for the Brooklyn Stars, threw the first "curved" ball. A year later in 1865, Eddie Cuthbert of the Philadelphia Key-stones stole the first base.





In 1869, the Cincinnati Red Stockings went professional and became the first salaried team in the game's history.

1876—National League founded.

1900 — American League founded. (American Association founded in 1880 as rival to National had disbanded in 1891.)

1905—First World Series played.

1910 — Sheldon Lejeune, with Evansville, Indiana team made the record baseball throw, still unbeaten, 426 feet, nine and one-half inches, in a Cincinnati exhibition.

1920 — Brooklyn and Boston played the longest game in major history, at Boston. Ended one-one tie. Time three hours, 50 minutes.

1927—Babe Ruth made home-run record—60 homers for New York Yankees.

1933—All Star Series originated.

1935—Night baseball was inaugurated.

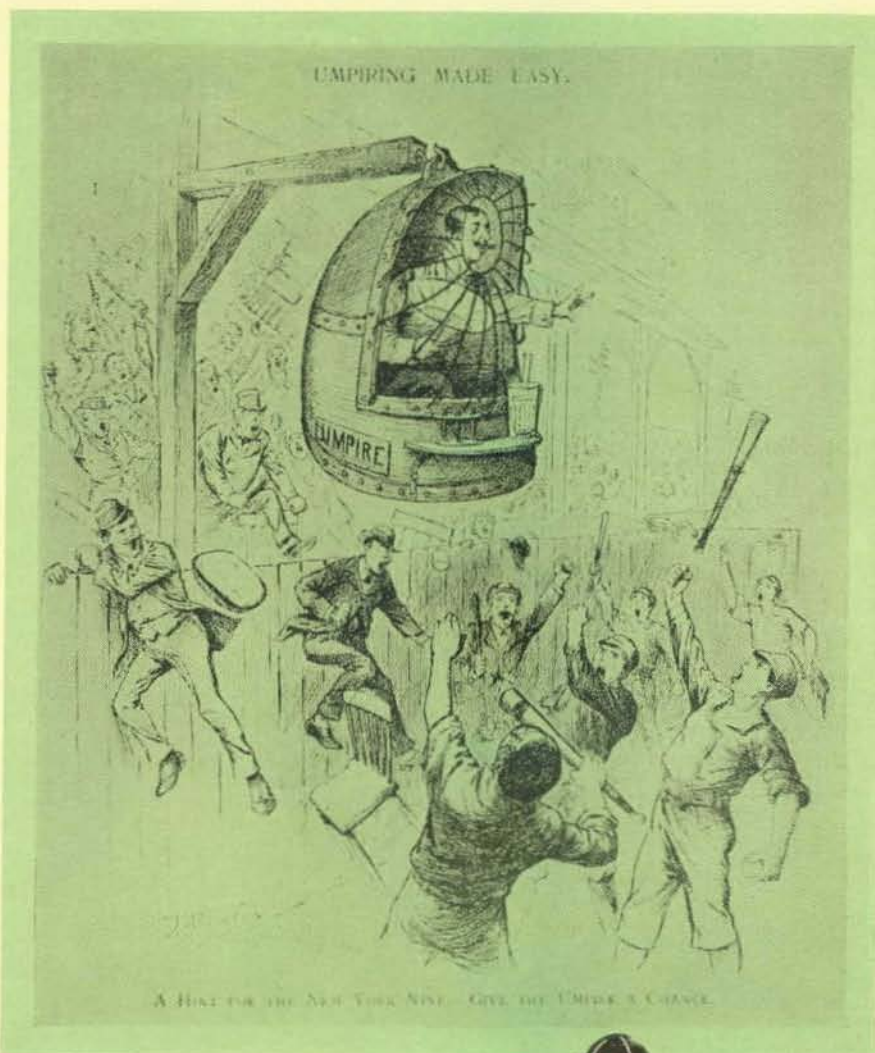
1941—Joe Di Maggio made major league history hitting safely 56 consecutive games, scoring 91 hits for .408 average.

There are many, many more significant dates in the writing of the story of America's favorite game, but space will not permit us to record them here. We say—America's favorite sport. We think of baseball as being our own, belonging to the United States and Canada, but actually it is extremely popular in other countries also. In many Central and South American countries, baseball has grown so popular that it is rivaling such a long-established Spanish sport as bullfighting and "es-try two," "homron," "fou bol," which are Cuban adaptations of strike two, home run and foul ball, have become a permanent part of their language.

Did you know that Australians were playing ball 11 years after



Baseball fans are the noisiest, arguingest, most loyal of all sports followers. These fans of fifty years ago already had captured spirit.



Old-time drawing above was headed "Umpiring Made Easy." From baseball's birth, chiding the "ump" has been the fan's favorite diversion. It is an historic fact, however, that fans have never won an argument with the stern "men in black."





Above: Massive Yankee Stadium, one of most famous ball parks, jammed with 75,000 fans for a game between Yankees and the Washington Senators.

Right: The "King of Swat," the great Babe Ruth. All time home run king, he holds more records than any player in history. When "The Babe" died in 1948, at 53, entire nation mourned.



the game had officially begun in the United States?

In Japan, baseball is the leading sport.

However, in European countries baseball is not widely popular and the game has never ousted cricket and rugby from the playing fields of England.

There are many things we would like to write in trying to tell the "Baseball Story," for example something of the many "stars" who have shone bright through more than a century of the sport. There are many names which will be remembered as long as there is a sandlot, a ball and a bat left on this earth. We can mention only a few, Hans Wagner for example, the "Flying Dutchman" who played 2,785 games for the Buccaneers in the early days and had



a lifetime batting average of better than .329.

There was the Joe Tinker, Johnnie Evers, Frank Chance combination which will go down in baseball history as its greatest double-play trio.

Then there was Christy Mathewson, "the Big Six," who has often been called the greatest pitcher of all time. He played a 16 full year span with the Giants and won 372 games. He was born in 1880 and died in 1925. He never pitched on Sunday because he believed it to be sinful.

If the "Georgia Peach", Ty Cobb, wasn't the greatest all-around player of all time, you can get into many a heated argument by denying it. His feats are fabulous. He joined the Tigers in 1905. He has a lifetime batting average of .367 for 24 years and stole 892 bases during his career. He led the American League in hitting for 12 years, including nine straight—still an unequalled record.

Rogers Hornsby was the batting champ of the National League for six consecutive years — 1919 through 1925. Three times he hit over .400, a herculean feat. In 1924 he touched .424.

Then there was the "Sultan of

Below: Yankees' Lou Gehrig won title of "Iron Man" because of long years of uninterrupted play, died in twilight of his career, a victim of multiple sclerosis. He played first.

Swat," the mighty Babe Ruth—greatest home run king of them all, who hit an unbelievable 60 circuit blows in 1927 with the Yanks, a still unequalled record. All told he hit 714 homers in his 20-years span.

Lou Gehrig was also a home run king, chalking up 494 in his lifetime. But his greatest claim to fame grew out of his durability. From the first day he took over first base for the Yankees during the summer of 1925, he never missed a game until the illness which eventually took his life made playing impossible. His record of 2,130 consecutive games will stand for all time.

There are many more names, like Gabby Hartnett, Tris Speaker, George Sisler, Walter Johnson, (the "Big Train"), Ted Williams, Joe Di Maggio, and managers like Connie Mack, and hundreds more whose feats can't be recorded here but whose records of baseball achievement and good sportsmanship will live forever in the memory of those who know and love baseball.

In baseball, there's just one wonderful story after another and its fans are the most loyal in the world. For example, there was the



time years ago when an exciting game was being played in Detroit. Near the end of the tied game which had gone into the 11th inning, the umpire raised his hand to command silence and asked, "Is S. D. Reeds in the stands? He is urgently needed at home. His house is on fire."

There was a slight commotion in one section of the stands. Then a man got up and shouted, "I'm S. D. Reeds, but I'm not leaving. I couldn't get there in time to do anything about it. Let the damn house burn. Play ball!"

Then there's the time a dead man won a game. The score was tied and had gone to the 11th inning. The man whose name was Thielman, the star pitcher, was on first base when the next player a fellow named O'Toole came up to bat. He connected and Thielman

began to run but collapsed on third base. O'Toole looked out into the outfield and saw that the ball had not been retrieved. He knew the rules that it would be illegal for him to pass a runner. So he picked up the pitcher, hoisted his limp body over his shoulders and staggered home, dragging Thielman's foot over the plate, scoring two runs to win the game. A doctor came out of the stands to examine Thielman and pronounced him dead.

And did you know that a ball game at which nobody pitched attracted one of the largest crowds of the early days? It was way back in 1897 when the Hinton Mechanical Pitcher, a sort of baseball gun, pitched for both sides.

Many an ardent fan has screamed "Kill the Umpire!" when a question of his judgment was at stake. Two umpires have actually been killed by irate crowds during the long run of baseball popularity.

It is also interesting to note how some of the major league baseball teams get the nicknames which have become an integral part of the nation's sports vocabulary.

The *Dodgers* were so labeled

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The New York Illustrated News viewed with alarm a growing tendency to play the game rough in cartoon below. In its 1900 cartoon, the paper foresaw day when players would have to wear armor for protection. At right, members of New York Giants team crowd around home plate to heap congratulations on Bobby Thomson after his homer which won team National League pennant in 1951. With his team trailing, 2-4 in rubber playoff game, he came to bat in ninth with two on and smacked a three-run, game-winning homer in one of the most thrilling climaxes in baseball history. Giants' cooled off in series, lost championship to Yankees.

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THE BASEBALL GAME OF THE FUTURE.

ROUGH BASEBALLING: IF REGULAR AND THE PLAYERS WERE TO HAVE TO WEAR ARMOR TO PROTECT THEIR BODIES FROM THE FEARFUL BATTERING.



With the Ladies



Of Wives and Men

A SPECIAL hobby of mine is collecting significant quotes about women. It's interesting to see what people have to say about us, and in the case of men airing their views about us, it seems to me we come in for some pretty harsh criticism. Just recently, I've been making a little collection of famous quotations made about married women and surprisingly enough, even though most of the persons quoted were men, we didn't do too badly.

Read and Weep

Now then, here on your page this month I bring you a few of the quotes both good and bad. Let's analyze some of them and see how we may profit from these ruminations of the great male mind. Here are one or two of the bitter ones:

An old English proverb says, "It's no lack to lack a wife."

Thomas Fuller: "Next to no wife, a good wife is best."

Robert Herrick (1648):

"Suspicion, discontent and strife
Come in a dowry with a wife."

John Dryden (1680):

"Here lies my wife! here let her lie!

Now she's at rest, and so am I."

Jonathan Swift (1738): "A dead wife under the table is the best goods in a man's house."

A Rumanian proverb puts it: "When a man takes a wife, he ceases to dread Hell."

Read and Rejoice

But girls there's a brighter side to this picture—I've found lots of favor-

able quotes too and the kind remarks outnumber the nasty ones almost three to one. Read ye and rejoice.

Here's one I love—it's a recipe for happiness from the English Proverbs of John Ray (1670):

"A little house well filled

A little land well tilled

A little wife well willed."

The Ukrainians are kinder to us than the English and Rumanians. Their proverb goes like this:

"A man without a wife is like a man without hands."

The Hebrews too. Their proverb says: "All the blessings of a household come through the wife."

Thomas Deloney (1595):

"Two things doth prolong thy life:

A quiet heart and a loving wife."

Robert Burton (1621): "Man's best possession is a loving wife."

Alexander Pope (1709):

"All other goods by fortunes' hand are given

A wife is the peculiar gift of Heav'n."

So much for what they say about us pro and con. I culled a few other quotes too which I think render some good advice to us. For example, this message from "The Talmud" says, "In choosing a wife look down; in choosing a friend, look up." In this maxim we find the sound rule for helping wives to get along with husbands—never know more than he does. By this is meant, even if you do know more than your husband, don't let him know it. Let him feel you look up to him and seek his advice. Might be a little hard to do at times, lady, but it pays dividends in a more devoted husband.

Here's another—"Who is the fool who does not wish his wife were dumb?" This is from the pen of J. B. Moliere, way back in 1666. We women have to admit it, we talk too much and we nag too much. There is nothing so irritating to a tired man, just home from a hard day at work to find a talkative woman awaiting him, eager to tirade on the trials of her day and how difficult life has been for her. Ladies, hold your fire. Keep your tongue in check at least

until your man is rested and has had his supper and then, for heaven's sake don't make your evening's conversation one long complaint. Talk about something pleasant and don't criticize and condemn. You'll be surprised how much happier your home life will be. John Ray in his book of English Proverbs written in 1670 says "A cheerful wife is the joy of life." She is too—and not just to her husband. By maintaining a cheerful attitude she brings joy to herself as well.

Another maxim which drives this point home is Thomas Fuller's "Choose a wife rather by your ear than your eye."

Here's an odd proverb from the Russians that gives us food for thought: "A drunken wife is better than an obstinate one." It has long been thought that a wife who drinks to excess is the greatest curse a man can have. There are those who will deny it, however, and the man who has a stubborn, self-willed wife who must always have her own way is one of them. For the greatest success in our married life, we should strive to make it a real contract on the give and take level—acceding graciously to the wishes of the husband often. You'll find that in doing this, your marriage will prove happier and more contentment will fill your life than if you insisted on having everything *your* way all the time.

Just a couple more. Those Ukrainians were great for proverbs. Here's another favorite of theirs: "Trust your wife with your life but never

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Our Auxiliaries

A GAIN we bring you reports of our faithful auxiliaries. We urge all our auxiliary members to get on the political bandwagon and become active in getting people registered and getting out the vote. (More about this next month.)

L. U. 160.

Minneapolis, Minn.

It is some time since you've heard from our Auxiliary. I'll try and bring you up to date.

In February, 1951, we held a white elephant and bake sale after our regular meeting. It was quite successful financially. Our annual rummage sale was last May and brought in a nice sum for our treasury.

Last October we had a masquerade party in the Labor Temple. Dancing, and cards were played. Prizes were awarded for best costumes. We held our Christmas party at the Ed Rudolph home, as we've done many times in the past. We exchanged gifts, danced and were treated to a Dutch lunch.

We hold our meetings the first Thursday of each month at the Labor Temple. We usually play cards after the meeting and give prizes to high scorers. Then sandwiches or cake and coffee are served. Four members serve each month.

We had a picnic at Theodore Wirth Park, and a wiener roast at the Ernest Kline home. A pot luck supper and dance was held last year also.

Our annual election is held at our September meeting and installation and banquet in October. Last summer we met for a noon luncheon. We have no meetings in June, July and August.

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Publicity Chairman

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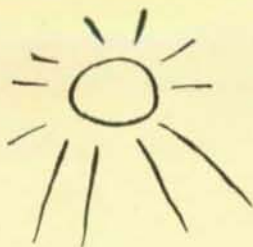
L. U. 444.

Ponca City, Okla.

It has been some little time since we reported on the doings of Local 444's Auxiliary at Ponca City, Oklahoma, but we do want to assure you that we are very active and have been busy. We always enjoy reading what the girls in other locals are doing and will try to keep you better informed of what we are doing here in our Northern Oklahoma city.

We are one of those combined affairs like L.U. 113 at Colorado Springs. We bring our men, or vice versa, and after the auxiliary business is out of the way, we get together

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Recipes From Sunny Italy

WE HAVE had a number of requests from our readers for foreign recipes. We aim to please and this month we take you to sunny Italy.

SCALLOPINE

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| 1½ lbs. lean veal | ¼ glass white wine |
| 1 small onion chopped | 1 tsp. flour |
| 1 tbs. butter | 1 tsp. parsley, chopped |
| 1 tbs. olive oil | 1 clove garlic |
| 1 small can tomato paste | |

Cut the veal into slices. Place the chopped onion in a pan with the oil and butter and heat. Place the slices of veal on this. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and brown well on both sides. Add the flour, the garlic and parsley and allow to simmer. Add the wine. When meat is tender, add the tomato paste, mixed with a little warm water and cook slowly until meat is thoroughly done.

RAVIOLI

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| 1½ cups flour | 1 whole egg |
| ½ teaspoon salt | 2 egg yolks |

Sift flour and salt together on a board. Drop egg and egg yolks into the center. Moisten these ingredients lightly with warm water and knead to a stiff smooth dough. Let stand 10 minutes in a covered bowl. Then roll the dough until it is very thin. Cut out with cookie cutter. Put a mound of filling on each piece and cover with another piece, pressing edges tightly together. Dry for about two hours. Drop into boiling salted water or chicken broth. Let simmer 10 minutes. Serve with tomato sauce and Parmesan cheese.

The common filling for Ravioli is made of the following mixture:

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| ¼ cup cooked puréed spinach | ½ clove minced garlic |
| ¼ cup chopped cooked meat | Stock, cream or gravy to make |
| 1 egg | a stiff paste |
| 2 tablespoons cracker crumbs | Seasoning. |
| 2 tablespoons grated cheese | |

The sauce is made as follows:

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| 2 tablespoons butter | 4 tablespoons Italian tomato |
| 2 tablespoons flour | paste |
| | 1¼ cups water. |

Melt the butter. Stir in the flour. Mix water and tomato paste together and stir in. Cook the sauce until it comes to a full boil, stirring all the time.

CAVALUCCI DI ITALIA (Nut Cakes of Italy)

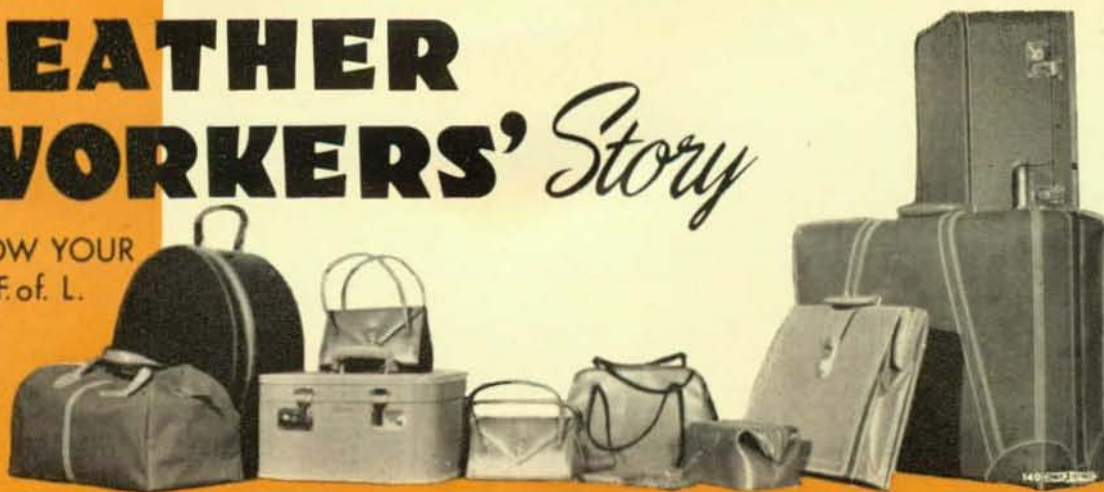
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| 2 cups flour sifted | ¼ tsp. each: nutmeg, cinna- |
| 1 cup brown sugar | mon, cloves |
| 1 cup walnuts chopped | ½ tsp. anise seed |
| ½ cup candied orange peel | ½ cup hot water |
| chopped | |

Cook the sugar and water together until the syrup spins a thread. Remove from the fire and add the nuts, spices and orange peel. Add the flour and knead into a smooth dough. Roll thin, cut into small cakes and bake at 350 F. until light brown.

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LEATHER WORKERS' *Story*

KNOW YOUR
A.F. of L.



THERE are more than 150 million people in the United States. It is safe to say that there is not an adult among them who does not own a purse of some kind—the lady her handbag, the man his wallet. These personal items have become as much a part of the average person's clothing as shoes, more so than a hat, and no man or woman is ever much farther than an arm's length away from the item which encases his or her current worldly wealth and many other necessary items. In addition, there are few citizens of

these United States who do not own some piece of luggage and many more number among their most-used possessions, belts, brief cases, key cases, pocket note books, identification and picture folders, and many more items made of leather. And every day that we enjoy the convenience of these useful articles, we should think of our Brothers and Sisters of the union responsible for turning out the vast majority of the personal leather goods manufactured in this country and whose skill and craftsmanship in leather is second to

none in the world. We refer to the International Handbag, Luggage, Belt and Novelty Workers' Union, the union we salute this month in our A. F. of L. series. We are proud to bring you their story.

First let us turn back the centuries and see how long man has been using items made of leather. No one knows just when leather first came to be used. It probably followed the advent of prehistoric man by a very short period of time for people of the very earliest civilizations known to archeologists were found to have used skins of

This skilled woman leather worker is inspecting and folding leather key cases prior to the final packaging.

Men and women work side by side in big leather-goods factories. These two workers are finishing wallets.



Right: A pattern edged with metal cutting edge is guided under huge press by operator.

animals and later the treated skins of animals (leather) to clothe themselves and build rude tents for shelter. In museums today are relics and articles of leather known to have been made at least 12,000 years ago, and in the Bible in Genesis III, 21 we read: "Unto Adam and also unto his wife did the Lord God make clothes of skin and clothe them."

We cannot ascertain either, just when man began to make articles of leather for transporting personal belongings, but ancient literature and also works of art bear witness that he has been doing this for centuries. We should point out here too, that as modes of travel changed, luggage also changed perceptibly. When travel was done chiefly on horseback, small saddle bags were very popular. With stagecoach travel, larger-sized travel bags and small trunks came into use and with the rapid growth of rail travel in the 19th century, many new types of bags and cases began to be manufactured. With increased air travel, light weight



Generally, the name of the firm is placed on products by gold stamping, as this worker is here doing.

The best products commanding highest prices are cut out by hand. This worker is cutting out small pieces.





Left: After the leather has been cut, inner lining must also be cut to fit.

Below: Final inspection and tissue paper wrapping of a very fine union-made bag.



articles of luggage have come to be used widely.

Handbags and wallets have even an older history. It is interesting that man should use an article made of leather to carry his money in, for once leather itself was widely used as currency, not only in ancient times but even as late as the beginning of World War I when leather coins were used for a brief period in Germany and Austria. As a matter of fact, the English word "pecuniary," referring to monetary rewards, is derived from the Latin word "pecus" meaning hide.

Primitive man developed a bag of leather to carry the flat coins which evolved from the ring coins he had first worn on his fingers, and thus the first purses were created. In ancient Greece and Rome, men and women alike used leather pouches made of pigskin or moleskin and closed with drawstrings. This type of purse gave rise to the *aulmoniere* (French for alms-giver) worn extensively by English and French ladies in the 10th Century. It was made of silk, lined with leather and was worn suspended from the girdle. Women continued to wear the *aulmoniere*

until the middle of the 13th Century when it gradually disappeared and immense silk and velvet pouches, fastened either to the belt or supported by a metal beam came into vogue. The 15th Century saw the use of the first framed bag. On through the decades, ladies of fashion favored one type of bag and then another. Through the years when women wore large skirts with voluminous pockets, small purses were the style, but when the coming of more tailored styles eliminated big pockets, the handbag as we know it today, large enough to hold all the articles a woman carries for her personal use, came into wide popularity.

Today, making of handbags in the United States has become a mass production industry in which over 600 manufacturers annually turn out 60 million bags of every description doing a retail volume of business averaging \$350,000,000 yearly.

Right: The locking frames of leather handbags must be covered with a matching leather by skilled hands.



We should like to describe for you here, all the processes by which the skilled members of the International Handbag, Luggage, Belt and Novelty Workers, manufacture the hundreds of different articles, produced by the millions—yearly. Space will not permit so we shall just hit the highlights in the handbag field, since the workers in this section of the industry form a major segment of the International Handbag, Luggage, Belt and Novelty Workers' Union.

Any ordinary handbag contains at least 10 different materials (leather, cotton, flannel, paper, duplex, etc.) and requires some 30 manufacturing steps before it is completed. While many of the production processes in the making of handbags are partly mechanized, some of the operations are done by hand—in fine leather bags, most of the work is done by hand. The pictures reproduced for you here, will show you some of the processes. They were made at the Coblenz Company in New York, makers of beautiful bags, produced with so much care and skill that they can almost be considered "custom made."

Bags are cut to pattern by hand by experienced workers. The

leathers used most frequently in handbag manufacture are morocco (fancy goatskin), calf and pigskin, while the more expensive bags are made of alligator, crocodile, seal, ostrich, antelope and doeskin.

After the bags are cut out, they are backed and turned in. Papering of a bag is one of the skilled operations. Paper is impregnated with rubber and pasted inside the bag to give it body. This is done before the bag is lined. On fine bags, linings are cut out individually just as the leather is. The lining is backed and turned in. All parts of the bag and lining are sewn and then the lining is sewn inside the bag. After the bag is lined, it is turned. This is a tedious and skilled process. The "turners" must "tease it out" being careful not to break or crack the leather.

"Framing"—the covering of the metal skeleton of the bag with the leather is the most highly skilled of the pocketbook operations. Bags are made to lock by the process of putting in steel springs under tension.

While many of the workers we salute this month are employed in the making of fine leather bags, there are many more engaged in

the making of less expensive bags of various types of cloth and plastic.

Non-leather materials are cut with sharp metal dies to conform to the shape of the pattern—sometimes as many as 50 or 60 at one time. Lining materials are cut with a rotary knife.

The workers we interviewed at Coblenz were well-informed, skilled, quick but patient and careful as well. They were trained workers doing a good job and there was a general air of satisfaction which always exists when competent workers and enlightened management cooperate in the production process.

It is an encouraging fact to note that 95 percent of the pocketbook needs of more than 70,000,000 women are being filled by manufacturers with whom the members of the International we salute this month have contracts.

At the Elco Manufacturing Company, we watched other members of the I.H.L.B.N.W.U. at work making fine wallets, key cases, pocket secretaries, card cases, etc. Here too, these items, termed "novelty leather goods" were being cut and assembled with care and precision and manage-

The lining is sewed into a ladies' handbag by skilled woman worker using oversized machine.



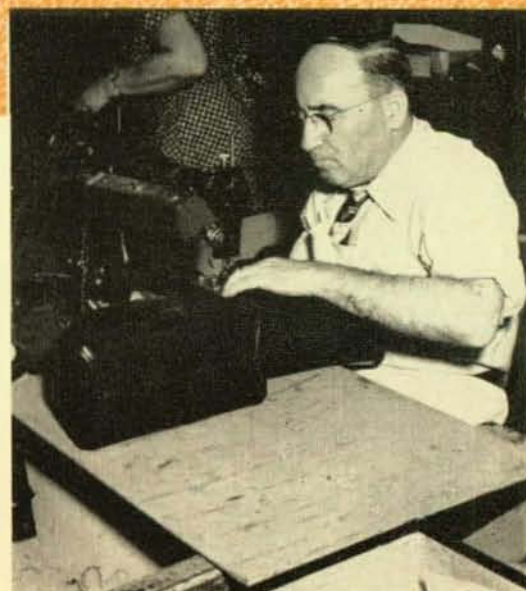
Great skill is involved in "turning." Bags are made inside out, then flipped right-side-out.





A buyer arriving in New York to survey lines of handbags is shown typically good union-made ladies' bags by a company representative.

Men, too, operate the big sewing machines. This man is sewing together the parts of ladies' bags.



ment and labor were united in the task of making perfect goods for their thousands of customers.

Many more members of this union are engaged in turning out the hundreds of various types of luggage—bags and cases of all sizes and made of all types of leather as well as cloth and plastic, trunks, zippered bags, make-up kits, hat and shoe boxes, and train cases and also brief cases, zippered envelopes etc., all of which fit travelers for any kind of journey from that of a night's to a year's duration.

Still other members are engaged in the manufacture of many types of belts.

Now what of the union to which these craftsmen and craftswomen belong. Well the dates June 8, 9 and 10, 1951 are most important ones for the members of the International Handbag, Luggage, Belt and Novelty Workers' Union, for on those days a unity convention was held in Atlantic City. At that historic meet was consummated a unity pact whereby the Pocketbook Workers Union of New York and its affiliates in a number of cities, which workers made up the vast majority of those employed in handbag manufacture, were reunited to the union they had been instrumental in founding in 1924. The Pocketbook Workers had

"disaffiliated" in 1939 after a split in basic policy, from the International Ladies Handbag, Pocketbook and Novelty Workers Union, chartered by the American Federation of Labor in 1937.

The Pocketbook Workers Union of New York has always been regarded as the "mother union" of all other labor organizations of handbag, pocketbook and leather goods workers in the United States. This union traces its origins back to 1886 when it was called the Purse Workers Union. The making of purses and related goods was one of the sweat shop trades of the City of New York with conditions as bad as those which existed in the downtrodden garment trades. Hours of labor were from 60 up and wages were a "mere pittance,"—far less than was needed for a man to support a family. As a consequence, that scourge of the poor working-man in those years around the turn of the century—home work—arose to torment the Leather Workers of the day. If ever there was a plague upon industry it was this farming out of work, because every poor home was converted into a workshop with the wife and children laboring far into the night to complete the "bundle," so the worker might take it back to the shop in the morning completed. Child la-

bor was a dominant factor in this trade in the early days.

From 1886 until 1918, the history of this union was one of sporadic strikes, defeats, lockouts and then regroupings for other organization attempts. In 1910 and 1911 there were bitter strikes and future historians of this union will find a record of blood, sweat and tears to vie with that of the Garment Workers, the Butcher Workmen, the Hatters, the Textile Workers and others whose stormy early history has previously been set down for our readers in the pages of your JOURNAL.

In 1916 there was a general strike which lasted 26 weeks but which paved the way for the turning point in the history of the Fancy Leather Goods Workers, the name by which the union was known in that year. In those dark days when the strike was nearing its end and defeat was at hand, Ossip Walinsky, a strong young labor leader came to the aid of the union.

This man knew all about strikes and picket lines having had his baptism by fire in London, England in 1912 and in Toronto, Canada while manager of the Cloak, Suit and Dressmakers Union there. The year 1916 was a year of strikes and Mr. Walinsky who served as manager of the Bon-

Installing zippers in purses is a job that calls for dexterity.



With purse held in a vise, steel locking springs are inserted to hold it shut.

The final shaping of a purse is also a time for quick inspection.



naz Embroiderers Union, Local 66, went through the general strike of the cloak, suit, skirt and reefer makers in the city of New York. He became interested in the Leather Goods Workers and their struggles and stuck with them after they had lost the strike, helped them to reorganize and plan their drive. In August, 1918, after months of brilliant strategy, the first contract agreement for Pocketbook Workers in the City of New York with the organized employers of the trade was signed. This was a renowned innovation and a tremendous victory for the union and from that day until the present, the career of this large segment of the Leather Goods Workers of America has been marked by progress. Strikes had proved very costly and unprofitable to the struggling workers in this field, and this new approach, spear-headed by Ossip Walinsky, which embodied the principles that front line attacks of labor against employers are always too costly, and that labor's more effective weapon is that of union solidarity, stronger organization and direct pressure by workers against employers in a given shop or industry, was put into practice with good result. While the union believed in strikes as a last resort,

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Before each purse goes out to enter channels of trade its box is stamped. Union-made handbags have taken over the lion's share of the trade.

Local 1 Members at Westinghouse Plant in St. Louis



Local No. 1 members staff the radio and television repair department of the Westinghouse Electric Co. in St. Louis, Mo. Among them are Norman McCleary, Stanley Hawthorn, Larry Simon and Clarence Silvey shown above.

Marguerete Ann Doerr, parts clerk at Westinghouse, and TV repairman, Stanley Hawthorn, list repair parts for charges, below, while Al Sietman and Ed Schlich, TV service manager, look on.



John Gannon of Local 1, below, checks painstakingly the porcelain finish on a Westinghouse washer with his spray gun ready for touching up.



Al Sietman and Walter Urban, service manager, watch Clarence Silvey, Local 1 member in charge of refrigerators, give a box a final check, above.



Local 1 member, Robert Kunzler, gives a new range a final examination to be sure it is in perfect working order for the customer.



In this small appliances section, Al Sietman, the local's business representative, and Walter Urban, Westinghouse service manager, watch Sam Meyer repair a vacuum cleaner.

Local Union 1 in Westinghouse Plants

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.—One of the newer members of the Local No. 1 family is the Westinghouse Electric Company which operates two plants in St. Louis. At one, the company manufactures, assembles and services electrical power equipment, and the other handles the distribution and servicing of home appliances, including television sets.

At the huge warehouse in southwest St. Louis, all household appliances for distribution within this district are received, inspected and checked. It is here that any imperfections or damages from shipment are caught. These appliances then are forwarded to the dealers' showrooms or directly to homes where they are again inspected by members of Local No. 1.

Also in the warehouse are the repair shops and parts distribution departments, where any Westinghouse household product needing repair is brought for a complete overhaul. When it is delivered to the owner, it is in perfect mechanical order.

Of course, the largest volume of repair falls to the radio and television department where six men take care of the work brought into the shop. There are also outside men who handle repairs and adjustments that can be made in the home. This service by union members of Local No. 1, guarantees the owners prompt, efficient service at standard fixed charges after their guarantee has expired. Each outside repair man carries a complete stock of repair parts for on-the-job repairs, and in this way, reduces lost time and excessive charges.

The contract with Westinghouse is the standard Local No. 1 contract for this type of work. It calls for a top wage of \$2.25 an hour for journeymen, and the usual vacation time, sick leave, holidays, insurance, and a retirement plan.

This has been another forward stride made in employer-employee relations since Westinghouse signed the contract with Local No. 1. There has been a sharp decline in employee turnover since unionization . . . and the company has opened the door to a larger sales field because of union membership.

FRANK G. KAUFFMAN, P. S.

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Inside Wiremen Close Negotiations

L. U. 11, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Our inside wiremen's negotiations have been completed with more speed than for many years, and our submittal to the CISC has been sent to Washington—so all we can do is hope

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for the best. We succeeded in negotiating a 25-cent increase in wages, got rid of some of the time-and-one-half overtime rate, and also managed to get the employers to agree to a 50 percent starting rate for apprentices.

In addition, we negotiated a provision covering a situation which no local union likes to think about—but which quite frequently presents itself to most of them. This particular clause provides that: "Whenever a maintained average (on a 40-hour week basis) of 15 percent of the employees covered by the one-percent Benefit Fund become unemployed for four weeks, the eight-hour-day provision of this agreement shall be reduced to a six-hour day for all employees." Provision is also made to consider going back on the eight-hour day when less than 10 percent of the employees are out of work for six weeks.

This provision, we believe, is one of the most important steps forward we—or any other local union can make. Far too little attention has been paid to the periodic cycles of unemployment which curse the building trades—indeed, one might safely say, the capitalist system. They come, frequently without any particular warning, and hundreds of our wiremen sit endless days on the out-of-work bench in the dayroom, while others, no better union men or mechanics, work steadily, without thought of their needy Brother members.

In passing, it might be said that if the people who are supposed to do the thinking for the U.S.A. would do something of this kind, just in case our present "cold war" suddenly went into the deep freeze, our whole country would be better off.

Of course that kind of planning would be "socialistic." It just doesn't seem to make sense for our leaders to tell us that we must *plan* to keep a foreign enemy from taking over the U.S.A., but that "nature must take its course" when we are faced with the boom and bust cycles which are traditional with business. We don't fool around hoping that the law of "supply and demand" will save us from outer enemies, but we dare not violate the taboos that are responsible for bread-lines!

Perhaps some day when Congress nauseates even itself with political

investigations, our lawmakers will have a minute or two to take a look at what could happen to this country if we were suddenly faced with a switch from a planned "cold war" economy to an *unplanned* period in which the workers who make the multitudinous products of our machine age have to buy them with the wages they are paid—without benefit of any subsidies to business such as are concomitant with a planned military economy. The feeble attempt we have made here wouldn't even make a ripple in the pond—and we know it! But at least we're capable of thinking about and *planning* for what the odds show us can turn up practically any time.

Since the above paragraphs on planning for periods of unemployment were written, the need for such planning—in Los Angeles at least—has been forcibly brought home to us. Our business manager reported at our meeting last week that more than 300 of our wiremen members are presently warming the out-of-work bench.

A few words might be said again about the need for registering, so that you may be able to vote this very, very important year. Let's not forget! Some of you may be able to vote for a fellow member of Local Union 11. Amos (Irish) Hurley has filed for Congress in the 24th District. That's the one which has been misrepresented—as far as working people are concerned—for the past several years by the Republican reactionary, Norris Poulson. Poulson has gotten a great deal of publicity on the Colorado River controversy with Arizona. He recommends himself very highly as one working mightily for California. The fact of the matter is that Congressman Engle, a Democrat, from the northern part of the state, does most of the work—and Poulson does most of the bragging.

Another of our members is also trying his luck in the political field—for the third time—in the race for councilmanic candidates for the city of Southgate. "Tex" Agee, our extremely capable business representative for the Maintenance Unit, vows that this time he's going to make it! It's high time we had a union man on that particular city council. The city is predominantly working-class, and there's a very high percentage of union men residing there. "Tex" will do a little

house-cleaning if he is elected, and he should be supported by all of our members living in Southgate. But, remember, you can't vote for "Tex"—or anyone else unless you register!

JAMES LANCE, R. S.

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600 Guests Attend 72nd Annual Banquet

L. U. 17, DETROIT, MICH.—The seventy-second annual banquet of the Detroit and Wayne county Federation of Labor was held at 7 p.m. February 2nd in the Detroit Labor Temple. Over 600 guests were present for this celebration. Judges representing most of the courts in Wayne county were present. Judge Frank Picard of the U. S. Federal Court was one of the speakers paying tribute to the late Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy. He emphasized Frank Murphy's contribution to the framing of the unemployment Security Act of Michigan. Present were representatives of many agencies, including the Department of Commerce and Labor and other state agencies. Local 17 officers and executive Board were present.

Walker L. Cisler, president of the Detroit Edison Company and a chairman of the Governor's emergency defense contract committee, was seated next to our capable business manager, A. J. Simpson. Both the men were engaged in amiable discussion and are excellent exponents of management and labor working together for the mutual benefits of all concerned. Mr. Cisler informed the group of the progress of the governor's commission. It is bringing more employment to Michigan. He stated that in order to succeed we must all realize the value of working together. The key words to the solution of the crisis are "willingness and mutuality."

Mayor Cobo of Detroit extended a hearty and official welcome to our guest speaker Maurice Tobin, Secretary of Labor of the United States. The mayor congratulated Frank Martel for the excellent job he has done as president of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor.

Governor G. Mennen Williams was highly pleased when he was informed that he had the full support of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor if he should choose to run for reelection. The governor stated, "the voice of the people is very pleasing indeed and I thank you from the bottom of my heart." The governor informed us of the failure of the legislature to concern themselves with the vital problems of today. Until the legislature settles the financial problems, they will be unable to concentrate on the more vital field of human relations.

United States Secretary of Labor

Maurice Tobin received a standing ovation when he was introduced. Mr. Tobin pledged his "wholehearted" support to the Moody-Dingell Bill to supplement state unemployment compensation with Federal funds. The needs for higher unemployment compensation and benefits of longer duration are recognized by all but more especially the family man. It is the responsibility of the Federal Government to give the law a realistic form.

The fund-raising campaign of the Murphy Memorial portrait committee received its official kick-off at the banquet. The committee is seeking to raise a nominal sum for its purchase on an oil portrait painted by the noted Philippine Artist Amorsolo of the late Justice of the Supreme Court Frank Murphy. Justice Murphy served as a lawyer, teacher, soldier, judge, mayor, governor-general of the Philippines, governor of Michigan and finally that supreme honor associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America. The committee is seeking small contributions so that all the friends of Frank Murphy will have an opportunity to contribute. An accurate record will be made of those who contribute for preservation with the portrait. The portrait will be presented to the U. S. Supreme Court. Any member wishing to make a contribution should mail it to the office and it will be forwarded to the Frank Murphy Portrait Committee.

JULIUS OTTEN, P. S.

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Officers Entertain Local 28 Members

L. U. 28, BALTIMORE, MD.—This little note is usually dedicated to the good deeds and workmanship of the Brothers in Local Union No. 28, but this month we will deviate a little and just tell you anything that comes to mind. Being a married man, I am naturally a man of few words, so anything may run off the point of this pen.



International Representative Stanley Thompson congratulates Brother Harley H. Thurman (left) on receiving his 50-year pin at Butte, Montana.

Of course, there is another theory, the average man has in his body, 66 lbs. of muscle and 3 lbs. of brains. That fact should explain a multitude of things as far as this writer is concerned.

On April 22nd, Brother Carl Scholtz, business manager and Brother Ed. Rost, president, were hosts to the entire local, including their wives and girl friends at the Alcazar for the local's annual spring dance. There will be a detailed report of all guests and menu in the next issue—God willing.

Brother John Franz, president of the Bowling League, has honored this writer again this year with a cordial invitation to the Bowling League Banquet, to be held in May. This also promises to be a very happy and eventful evening of which you will hear a lot more in a future issue.

The Bowling League is enjoying a very successful season, and is closing with a true photo-finish. The first two teams are tied with 45 wins and 33 losses each and the eighth team has won 38 and lost 40. This is a difference of only seven games from first to eighth. Assembling these teams at the first of the year and having them finish so close is an answer to a handicapper's dream.

We noted in the paper the other day that Kansas expects a bumper crop of corn this year. Well, with this being an election year and add that to some of these television comedians, from where this writer sits, Kansas will not be the only state full of corn.

Getting back to election year, let us not forget to register and then get out and vote—not only in the general election but most especially in the primary election. I am sure it will prove to be a very profitable few minutes; if you will only take time out to register and vote.

With the dead line already at hand, I must close now and will do so with this quotation by Daniel Webster, "Labor is the great producer of wealth, it moves all other causes."

A perfect example of minority rule is a baby in the house.

SKIP ANDERSON, P. S.

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Navy Work Assigned Seattle Ship Yard

L. U. 46, SEATTLE, WASH.—The big news from these parts is the awarding of a fair share of Navy contracts to Puget Sound shipyards for modification and new construction on government vessels. Although east coast yards, due to wage differentials, can usually grab the lion's share of Uncle Sam's work, it has long been recognized by everyone here that we must have some of this work done hereabouts to keep our tools for de-

50-Year Pin for Montana Power Company Employee



This group of well-wishers were among those officers and members of Local 65, Butte, Mont., who joined in extending their congratulations to retired Brother Harley H. Thurman upon receipt of his 50-year membership pin. Front row, left to right: John R. Crawford; W. G. Hoskins; L. B. Featherly; William Donner; R. A. Baker; E. J. Drouit; Brother Thurman; Stanley E. Thompson, IBEW representative; Neil McDonald, and J. T. Sullivan. Back row: George Travenna; J. F. Redman; Joel Strom; Sylvester Sullivan; John L. Lewis; C. J. Gillette; C. L. Sauerbier; D. O'Connell; Miles McDonald, and D. Healy. Seated on floor: John M. Weidman, local president.

fense in good order. Senator Magnuson and Representatives Tollefson, Jackson and Mitchell have been instrumental in getting Navy work assigned to our yards and we mention that because it's time to do a little digging into the candidates' records. By the time the September primaries roll around we will have plenty of the old hogwash about what the candidates "intend" to do if elected.

More than \$100,000,000 was awarded to the big Navy yard in our neighboring city of Bremerton but private yards from Blaine to Tacoma will be in high gear by the end of the year. Seattle Shipbuilding and Drydocking Company holds contracts for two of the 165-foot AM type minesweepers valued by the Navy at \$1,762,000 apiece. They are slated for completion late in 1953. Lake Union Drydock Company of Seattle will build four AMS minesweepers, also due for delivery in '53. Military contracts fill both graving docks at the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Company. The Seattle yard recently laid the keel of the \$1,500,000 new type 220-foot cargo ship it is pioneering for the Army. Into the other graving dock will fit the 245-foot rocket launching ship PSB and D is developing for the Navy. No estimate has been set yet on the rocket-launching ship, but experts figure it at around \$3,000,000. Its keel will be laid sometime this summer with delivery late in 1953. Right now a conversion job is going on in this yard which will make a 310-foot LST-5, a Navy landing ship, into a battle-

damage repair ship. Rebuilding will be from the hull up and it will wind up a floating machine shop.

The majority of our "marine men" are busy at Todd's and the Commercial Ship Repair Company, the firms who handle the bulk of our non-military ship repair. Goddard Marine Electric and Tierney Electrical Manufacturing Company, are among our smaller shops that help keep the Alaska fishing fleet in top operating condition.

The State of Washington recently took over the operation of the ferries on Puget Sound and it took several meetings on the part of our representatives and the new operators to arrive at a mutual understanding and signing of the Pacific Coast Master Agreement.

With the completion of the Navy housing projects on Adak island in the Aleutians, Local 46 will be relinquishing its jurisdiction over any construction work in Alaska. This is as it should be and this local several years back was glad to offer the aid of its experience in helping charter new locals in what is America's last frontier.

Our radio and T-V servicemen who had toyed with the idea of chartering their own local thought better of the idea when the costs and upkeep of such a setup were revealed. The group has consistently won pay raises and improved working regulations since coming into Local 46.

A couple of social events took place since our last writing. Charley Hendry, Earl Patton, J. O. Neal and Neal Day functioned as a fine entertainment committee to put on a

dance for the members. Everyone enjoyed the get-together which was free to members and their friends. Sick's Brewery treated about 100 of the boys to suds 'n' sandwiches one evening last March. Sorry fellows we can't do it more often, the waiting lists are too long and there aren't enough breweries.

KNUTE MALLETT, P. S.

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Pay Tribute to Thurman's 50 Years

L. U. 65, BUTTE, MONT.—Harley H. Thurman of L.U. 1003, West Mercury, a retired Montana Power Company employee, was the honor guest at a party in Carpenters hall here Tuesday night.

The occasion was the presentation of a 50-year pin to Mr. Thurman for 50 years of membership in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The large group was addressed by Stanley E. Thompson, I.B.E.W. International Representative, who also presented the 50-year pin to Mr. Thurman on behalf of Local No. 65.

A number of other longtime I.B.E.W. members also were given service pins.

Local President John Weidman spoke and presented beautiful gifts to Mr. Thurman for him and his wife. The gifts were from the Montana Power Company in appreciation of many faithful years of service. Mr. Thompson noted that the gifts were indicative of the excellent relationship

existing between the I.B.E.W. and the employer.

President Weidman read two letters commending Mr. Thurman for his ability and skill as an employee. The letters were from Frank W. Bird, president and general manager of Montana Power, and J. E. Corette, Jr., vice president and assistant general manager of the power company.

Mr. Thurman retired several years ago.

Other service pin awards included—45 years—Ed J. Drout and R. A. Baker, both of Butte, and D. N. Reynolds of Hamilton; 40 years—C. S. Doak of Plains and George Ross of Butte; 35 years—W. J. Conroy of Butte, T. W. Robbins of Orelan, California; William Donner, L. B. Featherly, J. B. Halford, W. G. Hoskin, Neil McDonald and J. T. Sullivan, all of Butte, and K. M. Rohrer of Mullan, Idaho.

Thirty years—E. E. Tiesse of Deer Park, Washington; D. Healy, Miles McDonald, D. O'Connell, C. L. Sauerbier, C. L. Smith, E. M. Tebo and Sylvester Sullivan, Joe Strom, of Butte.

Twenty-five years—C. J. Gillette of Whitehall, J. F. Palmer of Colstrip, W. H. Richards of Osborne, Idaho; John Currie, C. G. Johnson, Hurley Schaad, John Lewis, George Mattics, J. F. McCarthy, J. F. Redman, and George Travenna, all of Butte.

The presentations followed a buffet supper.

LYLE E. DOWNES, P. S.

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Local's Aid for Handicapped Member

L. U. 67, QUINCY, ILL.—As I start to write this letter, I often wonder if the membership in general stops

to realize what a press secretary must do. First, he must have a subject to write about, and at times, a long range of imagination, and sometimes, a little luck that what is written about will be that way when the JOURNAL is delivered to the homes of the Brothers.

For example, this is what I mean: In the February JOURNAL I wrote about a meeting and a party that followed that was held on January 7. The deadline for having my letter in at the International Office was January 1. So I took a chance and wrote the letter December 20 so it would reach the office by January 1, and the Brothers would read about it in the February edition. (Editors Note: We are sorry about this Brothers, but getting an 80 to 96-page magazine run off for more than half a million members is a big production job and takes lots of time, so this is the best we can do.)

In reading the JOURNAL, I have noticed at times pictures of handicapped members. That gives me a chance to say a few words about myself. I followed inside work until January 4, 1949 when I was informed I had to undergo a major operation for the stomach. Ten days later I underwent another operation which caused the amputation of my left leg. This is when Local 67 stepped in and took care of my dues and also instructed me to make application to the Rehabilitation Service for an artificial leg. After learning to walk again, Brother Earl Callahan, who was then manager of Lepper Electric, put me to work on the bench, repairing small appliances, and I have been there since June 20, 1950. So being handicapped and with such encouragement, it has not been hard for me to keep going, although I do miss getting out on the job.

Summer will soon be here and while work has slowed up a little, I think in another month things will be picking up and everybody will be working. But here in Quincy, Illinois, summertime is picnic time with hunting and fishing thrown in for good measure.

R. H. LUBBERING, P. S.

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Organization Drive For Radio Stations

L. U. 77, SEATTLE, WASH.—An extensive program is in progress to organize the radio stations throughout the State of Washington. Business Representative Clem Seeber has been assigned to this project. Initiation fees have been lowered and representation elections have been filed with the National Labor Relations Board for a number of stations. Over 40 new members have been signed up in the last two months. Business Representative Hank Conover has completed negotiations with the network stations in the City of Spokane. A strike was called against Radio Stations KGA, KHQ, KNEW, KREM, and KSPO in Spokane. The strike was called at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 6th and was settled on Sunday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. The union was demanding 17 cents across the board and the issue was settled at 16½ cents for the independent stations and 14½ cents for the network stations.

Our Pasco office, which was formerly located at 310 West Clark in the Labor Hall, has been moved to 110 North Second, Pasco, in the Carpenters' Hall.

A very interesting and instructive Component Local Unit Conference Committee meeting was held on Saturday, March 1, 1952. The delegates to this conference are composed of the chairmen of all of the 54 component local units throughout the State of Washington and northern Idaho. These delegates meet twice each year to discuss the problems of the local union as they affect the component local units and to inform the local union Executive Board and business manager of the affairs of the component local units. Many constructive ideas originated at this conference, pertaining to safety, improving attendance at meetings, apprenticeship programs, policies relative to grievance procedure, shop steward meetings, and improvements in the office procedure.

Executive Board Member Vern Morris, was a successful candidate for an office in the Renton City Council, and Francis D. Farmer, a member, was also elected to this body. Their duties will begin on June 1st.

Local Unit 77-100, Seattle, has developed an extensive recreational pro-

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gram, financed by the sale of tickets on a raffle for an RCA television set. The present program includes a picnic, to be held at Shadow Lake on July 20th, 1952, and a baseball team to be entered in the Class "A" League. A committee of five members has been appointed to handle the details of the picnic. Other activities include a bowling team, and dances may be added at a later date. Chairman C. P. Peterson has appointed a Recreational Committee, composed of George Wasmund, Robert Rennie, Ken Storey, S. Powell, Byron Hood, Sam Earlywine, and C. P. Peterson to formulate these activities.

Two new construction units have been set up to handle the affairs of the construction men in the Seattle and Spokane areas. This gives Local 77 three construction units, inasmuch as the Pasco unit is composed mostly of construction personnel. Officers have been elected and two meetings have been held in these units. This new arrangement makes it possible for the construction men, no matter where they are employed in 77's jurisdiction, to attend a meeting of their own group.

Out of these meetings have been elected the Negotiating Committee that is presently negotiating the agreement with the Northwest Line Constructors Chapter of the N.E.C.A. The main items in the negotiating of this agreement this year are the 25 cents per hour increase; clarification of the headquarter's provisions, problems involving the inclusion of the foremen under the terms of the agreement, and the problem of time and one-half versus double time for two hours each day. Jurisdictional problems have been an item of serious discussion.

L. C. SMITH, B. M.

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Enter Negotiations With High Optimism

L. U. 79, SYRACUSE, N. Y. —At the time of writing this letter we are on the end of winter and the official opening of spring. Normally, at this time of year, you are probably checking the havoc done throughout the winter to your real estate. Also, to that five wheeled conveyance known as a car that took such a beating. You are making plans, plans, and more plans.

We of Local 79 will, with the other locals on the company property, be on the last stages of our contract negotiations with high hopes, more hopes and just plain hopes.

All our lives it is plans, hopes, and taxes. We get disgusted sometimes and blow a fuse, but then we put in another and keep going for at least one good reason.

PRESS SECRETARY of the Month

We go southward to salute our press secretary for this month. He is Brother J. V. Hockman of L. U. 80, Norfolk, Virginia.

Brother Hockman is a long-time electrician with some 30 years experience, but he has been a member of our Brotherhood only since 1941. He wrote us that the years he spent before he joined the union taught him the rather sad lesson of what electrical work outside of the union is like, and that since he joined the I.B.E.W., he is "thoroughly convinced that organized labor is exactly what it is represented to be—an open and above board means of legitimate and fair bargaining."

During Brother Hockman's 11 years as an I.B.E.W. member, he has served his local union in various capacities—on the Executive Board and on the By-laws Committee as well as in his capacity as press secretary, to which office he was first appointed in 1948.

In spite of the fact that Brother Hockman has worked out of his home town, Norfolk, a good part of the past three years, on the big building project underway in downtown Pittsburgh, he has continued to keep in



J. V. Hockman

touch with the members of his hometown union, L. U. 80, of Norfolk and has kept the press secretary reports coming.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation, Brother Hockman, and keep up the good work.

It does not necessarily have to be spring for me to write a sappy letter. If I bore you just put on a pair of hip boots, find elbow room in some nice trout stream and forget the whole thing. This is with the proviso of course, that your "life adoration" has not drafted you with plans for that spring cleaning job. In that case, your union can't help you, you are on your own.

To the lower paid groups in particular, and to all of us in general, medical care has become a very serious problem in these times. Some people feel that the solution is in compulsory national insurance. Such programs have been tried in other countries with varying success. Some observers have stated that these foreign programs are not adapted to this country and way of life. Citizens of this country enjoy a much higher standard of living than foreign countries.

The voluntary approach to this problem of medical care in this country has many shortcomings such as, exclusions, partial coverage, restrictions on benefits, and most by limited facilities and opposition by some of the medical profession.

The effect of the cost of medical care is controlled by the awareness of the conduct of the members of these financed private plans. Popular interest is growing rapidly in this

country that medical care can be as successful as any private enterprise has been successful in providing satisfactory goods and services. It is sure to succeed through union negotiated contracts, and when the medical profession opposition has been overcome by their interest in working out a medical care program that would not make it embarrassing to their patients.

FRED KING, P. S.

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Local 80 Needs Qualified Mechanics

L. U. 80, NORFOLK, VA.—Greetings! We've slipped again Brothers, but we're so busy in this area of Tidewater, Virginia that time slipped by unnoticed. At present we're confronted with a manpower shortage of qualified men for work at the new Portsmouth power house (it just came out of the ground). Some qualified mechanics are needed in this area. Our Business Manager B. G. Castles, can be contacted at 823 West 21st Street, Norfolk, Virginia. Our present scale is \$2.50. However, our annual agreement is now being negotiated, and according to the Wage Stabilization Board's recent ruling, it shouldn't be too long before an advancement is granted.

Testing for Local 102 Apprenticeship



These young men, so earnestly intent upon their answers, are being tested for acceptance as apprentices in Local 102, Paterson, N. J., while members of the Examining Board, E. C. Braun, Henry Bonollo and James Wilson look on.

Since our last column Local 80 has received the sad news that two of our popular brothers (working out of town) have passed on—Brothers Wade Curl and William B. Jones. Regrets and condolence are unanimously extended to their survivors by this local.

To Brother Henry L. Burnshire of L. U. 332, San Jose, California (formerly L. U. 80)—“How yuh, feller, sure glad to hear from you. Your closing sentence, ‘Be sure to register and be at the polls’ should be a tip to all the members of organized labor who are actually concerned about their own immediate future.”

While Bob Taft is touring the country telling the people what he can do, it seems proper that he should also tell them what he actually has done—by way of voting in the Senate. Main Street or Wall Street? With reference to Ike's speech in the March issue of our JOURNAL we had assumed that the article would make the usual round of all papers, however, it seems that it was hushed up. Space does not allow the full text but here are excerpts—“The Party Line (The Republican Party), protects the manufacturer by placing a high import duty on all manufactured goods. This practically blots out foreign competition in that line and enables the manufacturer to make enormous profits off the United States citizen. The other Party (Democratic) wants to remove these excess duties or arrange a tariff that will bring revenue into the United States coffers and at the same time be easier on the great mass of the citizens of the country.” He ends by saying, “The Democratic Party deserves his first vote.” (Note—the word “his” refers to any young new voter.) Without stretching a point or hitting below the belt we meekly ask, was it

horse-trading or playing both ends against the middle, that induced Ike to ignore his own superbly expounded political analysis and join the GOP? It takes many years of experience to produce a general of Ike's stature, but just as many to produce Presidential timber.

Members of organized labor will help themselves if they support labor's friends in both houses of Congress, regardless of their party affiliation.

J. V. HOCKMAN, P. S.

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Select Apprentices By Novel System

L. U. 102, PATERSON, N. J.—We wish to advise you of the novel system of selecting our apprentices to the union. We have been complimented by National Contractors Association, New Jersey Chapter, as having one of the best systems they have seen in a long time.

Any boy between the age of 18 and 25 who desires to seek a probationary period in the local union, which is more or less tantamount to entering, registers at the local union offices. Examinations are held twice a year at Technical and Vocational High School and are given by Director Henry D. Bourhill, and his assistant, Joseph B. Hausmann.

It is interesting to note that the battery of tests are the I. A. and Mechanical tests and have no relation to electricity. It is felt that any boy who is mentally alert and mechanically inclined, has a chance to get into the union. Hitherto it has been like most local unions where only sons of members were admitted. The only advantage that a son of a member

has in these examinations, is that he is given five extra units.

In the picture is a group of applicants and members of our Examining Board, E. C. Braun, Henry Bonollo and James Wilson. These examinations have been broken up in several groups taken on the 20th day of February, 1952. They took the Hemmon-Nelson tests—Form “A” and the Mechanical Comprehension test, known as the Bennett—Form BB. The Purdue test was given to those who desired to take them, but no extra credits were allowed for this test. It was merely to see how the Technical Vocational High School students would come out in this particular test.

The students are given a number at the Vocational School and Director Bourhill marks the examination papers and then sends the results to the local union merely by the applicants number. The union holds the official names for each applicant's number. After the marking of the papers, the 10 highest are sent to the local union and the union then proceeds to place them to work very religiously in chronological order. This is the third time the local union has given these tests and the results have been very satisfactory.

The local union is now contemplating a complete rotation system of all helpers, and is being assisted by the contractors.

Successful applicants are sent to the jobs and after a probationary period of five months they come before the Executive Board which is the investigating committee and are then voted into the union.

All applicants who do not pass the examination are notified of the next examination date, by Business Manager Samuel Moskowitz so that they may participate if they so desire.

SAMUEL MOSKOWITZ, B. M.

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Describes Defeat Of Licensing Bill

L. U. 104, BOSTON, MASS.—Several times in past letters I have spoken about a bill which would license linemen. With a great deal of confidence and expectation we watched the bill develop from the discussion stage to its eventual writing and presentation to the legislature. A concerted effort was made to bring about by legislation, adequate safety measures in our line of work. These regulations would have been strictly enforced by law and not left to the whims and fancies of individuals or individual companies. Not only would standards have been set up as a guide for everyone, but every effort was made to benefit the employer as well as the employee. Many long and arduous weeks were

spent by Business Manager Nolan and the committee contacting organizations within our district. In general the results were most gratifying. But, with a sense of disappointment and I must confess a great deal of astonishment, we report that the bill met defeat. Disappointed though we were the Brothers of Local 104 wish to express their deepest gratitude, first of all to all those local organizations and other groups who pledged their assistance and support of the bill. We assure you that we will not readily forget your assistance and efforts in our behalf. Secondly, we wish to make acknowledgment of the committee who unselfishly and unsparingly gave their time and effort to bring better conditions into our area.

Fortunately, we all have that ability to push into the background disappointments, especially when offset by good tidings. Two contracts have been recently negotiated by our local with two separate concerns employing our men. The first contract was negotiated with the George Ellis Co. On the negotiating committee were Larry Collins, Walter Donahue, Jack Tate, Bob Cunningham, and Business Manager Nolan. Their efforts on our behalf bore such excellent results, that unanimsously, it was agreed that they should negotiate our contract with the Metropolitan Transit Authority in Boston. Almost without pause, the committee concluded their affairs with the George Ellis Company and set about to emulate their previous success with the Metropolitan Transit Authority. To the best of my recollection, they were in session twenty-five times for negotiations. When an agreement was finally come upon, the contract was presented to the body for discussion. To the credit of the committee the contract was voted for unanimously with only the minimum of discussion. As far as wages go we now find ourselves leading all others engaged in similar work in this area by the margin of six to ten cents per hour. Vacation time has been bettered so that a man with only seven years time receives three weeks as compared to 15 years service before. Overtime and holiday rates are now in a much more enviable light than previously. An unprecedented feature of the contract for this local, is an agreement with the company whereby an engineering survey by an outside and unbiased firm will be made in the near future to look into safety conditions and related subjects. This indeed is a step forward on the path of progress. In all, we find that the committee members did a tremendous job and worthy of all the praise that has been rendered to them.

EDWARD J. CURRAN, P. S.

Contract Negotiations In Grand Rapids Local

L. U. 107, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

—It occurred to me that there are many 107 members working in several parts of these United States and that perhaps a sort of personal greeting from this column would be appreciated by all you travelers. So, a "newsy" letter follows.

Your Business Manager Bob Coulter, is now carrying on negotiations with the contractors on our agreement for the next fiscal year. The progress so far has been very satisfactory. Much has been accomplished in our favor but the wage agreement is the hard shell to crack. However, we have a good chance to better our present rate.

Due to the fact that our Sick Benefit Fund has reached the minimum safe operating amount, the assessment is now in force as of April 1, 1952.

By all indications, Bob is reasonably sure work will be picking up here very soon. By that I mean within about 30 days from this writing. So if you are planning on coming home for the summer it is very certain you will be able to pick up an assignment slip.

Donna Dieters, Tom Moorman's daughter, who for about six months was our office secretary, turned in her resignation effective February 1st. This gave the local two weeks to secure another secretary. I explained our predicament to my wife and had her talk it over with Bob Coulter, so now Vera is receiving your correspondence at the little office "Eve" had for so many years.

On the second meeting of the month in February the Entertainment Committee put on a stag party. The business meeting can go down in history as the shortest session of the local, but the stag party was a huge success and was well attended. The poker players broke up about 6:00 a.m. Some of them did very well and others didn't care anyway. Would appreciate a letter from the travelers wherever you may be. Just address it to the local and I'll be sure to receive it.

LLOYD BLOOMBERG, P. S.

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Safety Demonstration For St. Paul Local

L. U. 110, ST. PAUL, MINN.—At the Tuesday, March 4th meeting of L. U. 110, Mr. Clarence Dow, assistant director of safety, Northern States Power Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, demonstrated the different types of protective rubber goods used by his company for the protection of men

working on potentials from 110 volts to 13,000 volts. This meeting was held immediately following the regular business session.

Mr. Dan Gephart, business manager for the St. Paul Electric Contractors Association opened the Safety meeting by announcing the safety program as a joint venture between the association and the union.

To start his talk on protective rubber goods, Mr. Dow stated that power company employees work on the higher voltages every day and safety measures become almost automatic with them. Inside wiremen working in a vault, sometimes don't recognize the dangers or hazards that they are exposed to.

Protective goods are necessary because the damage is done with the speed of light, and they protect the human from becoming a path to the ground for the current.

Most accidents are due to human element failure and not protective goods; failures of protective goods are practically unknown. The prime safety rule for work on all voltages is to never assume anything is dead, and don't test with the fingers. Personal protective goods demonstrated were rubber gloves, rubber sleeves, and leather protectors for rubber gloves.

Equipment protective goods demonstrated were fibre insulator covers, rubber hoses, rubber blankets and attachment pins, button-on-blankets, and rubber insulator hoods. How and when to use these protective goods when ascending and descending poles was the next topic.

After covering outside protection Mr. Dow explained the safety measure to be followed when working vaults or substations. Barricades are the most effective way and should be placed to protect a man from reaching or falling into live parts. When using any portable equipment be very sure that it is grounded to avoid being thrown from a pole, ladder or platform.

Mr. Gephart concluded the meeting by stating that the contractors' trucks on the whole are in good shape, but some of them lacked proper brakes, head lights, windshield wipers, horns or bumpers. The wiremen should use their judgment when told to take a truck out without proper equipment. After covering the truck situation, ladders and the lengths of conduit extending over the end of the truck were discussed.

Mr. Gephart's closing remark was, "If the time and money spent for safety will save one life or prevent one accident, it will have been well spent."

JOHN C. FRANKLIN, P. S.

Part of Local 112's Apprenticeship Program



These apprentices and their mentors are part of the outstanding Apprenticeship Training Program under the auspices of Local 112, Pasco, Wash., which operates under standards established by the State of Oregon Apprenticeship Council.

High Standards for Apprentice Program

L. U. 112, PASCO, WASH.—It is with great pride and pleasure that Local 112 dedicates this month's news article to its apprenticeship program. As spring rolls around again, the old rhyme, "No more pencils, no more books" is on the minds of many of our younger Brothers. These boys that are taking advantage of our apprenticeship training program are already enjoying the summer vacation from night school.

The past year has seen nearly 50 members enrolled in apprentice classes; quite a change since the program was begun in 1946. As the number enrolled has risen, so has the quality and scope of the entire program. The classes are now following the outline and suggested textbooks of the State of Oregon Apprenticeship Council.

There are three classes; one in Pasco, with Brother G. E. Shell, instructor, in Richland, with Brother Bob Leith instructing, while Brother George Hart teaches the class held in Yakima. These three men must be commended for their fine work. As an example of this, this writer had the pleasure recently to sit in on a session with the Pasco class. Mr. R. R. Ecker, owner of the Empire Electric Company, Pasco, gave the class a clear and concise picture of the problems and procedure of electrical contracting. Mr. Ecker covered a typical contract job from beginning to end, answering and explaining any questions of importance to those students look-

ing to a future of contracting or estimating electrical installations. Such first hand information, together with the fine selection of textbooks, will go far in producing better wiremen for the future.

Three men who have been of so much help in the success of our program are Alex G. Weber, representative for the Washington State Department of Labor and Industry; Jack E. Cooney, Pasco Vocational Director; and George Hildreth, Yakima Vocational Director. These men have always been ready to help in any and every way.

The yearly requirement of 144 hours in class is met by meeting twice weekly in two-hour sessions, for a period of nine months. Each six months, the student is given a qualification examination, and goes before his respective Apprenticeship Committee. If he passes, his pay is uprated on the job, accordingly. The Brothers who serve on those committees have also earned a big vote of thanks for their time and efforts.

The on-the-job training is also closely governed by the local to be sure the boys are getting every opportunity to work directly with the tools under the watchful eye of a qualified journeyman.

All of which about sums up this phase of the opportunities offered through the I.B.E.W. If the program continues to improve in the future as it has in the past, the future security of the Brotherhood will be assured, you must agree.

LESLIE V. FLEMING, P. S.

Raise and Tool Replacement Won

L. U. 113, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—We would like to report that our local has just completed negotiations with the Colorado Springs Electrical Contractors. We were successful to the extent of 15 cents per hour raise, replacement of the fast-wearing tools of the trade when presented to the contractor. We received a new travel time arrangement calling for leaving the shop at 8:00 a.m. and being in the shop at 4:30 p.m. Previously it was on the job at 8:00 a.m. and leave the job at 4:30 p.m.

These negotiations were completed without a meeting between the contractors and our local negotiating committee. This we think speaks for the excellent relations between the local contractors and ourselves.

The new \$2.55 hourly wage and new conditions are subject to approval of the C.I.S.C. in Washington, D. C. If approved, they will go into effect as of April 4, 1952.

I would like to correct a misprint in the March JOURNAL. Our meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month instead of first and second as it was stated in that issue.

Our work here has been fairly steady with very little time lost by any of the members. We hope that with the wage increase and prospects of steady work that the membership will at least be able to break even through the following year.

Don't forget to REGISTER AND VOTE—your vote could be the deciding one.

"PETE" COLE, P. S.

Cooperation Alone Can Win Advances

L. U. 116, FORT WORTH, TEX.—Local 116 has been having some good meetings, with all arguments centered on our new agreement. Those that are only interested in the money haven't been attending, but why should they? They'll stay away and help tear down the few conditions we have left, while someone else is fighting their battle.

Our contract committee is well on its way toward negotiating an agreement and we realize that they have a tough row to hoe. They need the help and backing of every member. There is always a chance to better our working conditions, but they have to be fought for and a few members can tear down more good conditions than many can gain or hold. Most of our contractors are nice fellows and expect nothing but an honest day's work from their employees, but there are some that would stoop to anything and some of our members would stoop with them just to hold their jobs. A few rules enforced could straighten all that out. For the benefit of our out-of-town members here is your Agreement Committee: Brothers Erwin Sights, Blackie Montgomery and Jack Gooden.

Some of our members have recently heard from Brother L. B. Bounds who is a prisoner of war in Korea. He is getting along fairly well, but from one of the letters I read, I think he is a little tired of rice. Brother Bounds says he would be more than glad to get a card or letter from any of us. Let's write the boy a few words to cheer him up. Here is his address:

First Lt. Leonard B. Bounds Jr.
01297147 POW Camp No. 2
North Korea
c/o Chinese Peoples Committee For
World Peace,
Peking, China

EARL ROBINSON, P. S.

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Chicken Dinner to Honor Older Members

L. U. 131, KALAMAZOO, MICH.—Work conditions are improving slightly here for the first time in several months. All the members are working, although several are still working in our neighboring cities or floating around the sunny south.

Brothers Delameter and Logan have had a spell of illness, but are back on the job now. Brother Marr will be a surgical patient before this reaches print. The wife of Brother Percy Smith is a medical patient at the hospital. We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Brother Robert Pierre has under-

gone further surgery in preparation for fitting his artificial limbs.

Brother Norman Whitney has returned from vacation land and is back on the job. Brother Edward Herrin is back from Flint to care for his orchards.

Other sections of the country seem to be getting the allotment of snow that we usually have at this time of the year and they are entirely welcome to it.

The ceremonies for honoring our older members have developed somewhat. We will have a fried chicken dinner at the Burdick Hotel, April 18th. Twenty-five year certificates and pins will be presented to the following members: Harry Oswald, 35; Howard Baker, 34; Harley McDaniels, 34; Arthur Hyde, 33; Burr Wheeler, 33; Bruce Brown, 32; James Spalding, 32; Clarence Leyen, 27; Alvin Routson, 27; Hillard Clapp, 26; Merritt Fisher, 26; Vine Verhage, 26; and Clarence Deplanche, 25 years. There will be speakers and entertainment. We hope to have some of the International Officers present for this event. Local Union President Elwin Buskirk will be master of ceremonies.

We have six more apprentices eligible for examination this month. Happy landings, boys.

I wish to add my pleas to the membership to register and vote in this very critical election.

L. F. PUTNAM, P. S.

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WSB Approved Joint Contract Detailed

JOINT BOARD LOCALS 132, 140, 142, 144, 147, 148 AND 149, PITTSBURGH, PA.—The WSB has granted approval of all items in our new contract. As I told you last month, I will devote this article to detailing our contract changes.

(1) A general wage increase of four percent, to be applied to all current wage rates and rate schedules and to be calculated to the nearest cent.

(2) An additional holiday to be General Election Day. The Negotiating Committee has selected, for the Election Day of 1951, March 14, 1952. Any person eligible for the holiday on November 6, 1951, will be eligible for the holiday observed March 14, 1952.

(3) Upon receipt of proper authorization from the individual employee involved, the company will check off monthly the proper amount to make payment on account of the employee under either or both the Blue Cross Hospitalization Plan or Blue Shield Surgical Plan.

(4) Elimination of "C" job classifications and the correction of certain inequities. This item is too lengthy to

include here but anyone interested can secure a copy from us.

(5) A shift differential of eight cents per hour for each of the second and third shifts.

(6) Day workers in the Power Stations Department at Brunot Island and Reed Power Stations to be placed on a Monday through Friday work week effective on April 1, 1952.

(7) The Non-Occupational Illness or Injury plan for hourly rated employees is liberalized to provide full pay for 19 weeks and one-half pay benefits for 33 weeks for employees with 15 or more years of service and full pay benefits for 26 weeks and one half pay benefits for 26 weeks for employees with 25 or more years of service.

(8) Employees covered by the 39½ hour work week provision, except those whose work of necessity must be coordinated with the work of hourly rated employees will be placed on a five seven-one-half-hour-day work week effective the first day of the first month following the completion of the segregation of the Pittsburgh Railways Company from the Philadelphia Company.

(9) Time and one-half will be paid for the first day of rest and double time for the second of rest except as otherwise provided by the labor agreement effective October 1, 1951 and except that other special pay arrangements now in effect will be continued.

(10) Seniority. When a transferred employee retransfers to the company from which he was transferred, his seniority status in that company will be agreed upon with the union. When a transferred employee retransfers to the department from which he was transferred he will be credited with the seniority he used to reestablish himself in that department.

(11) Delete Article III N. All time worked shall be recorded and paid for to the minute.

(12) Job Posting. Where not presently specified the word "calendar" shall be inserted ahead of the word "days."

(13) Filling Vacancies. No change is to be made in the agreement, it being understood between the parties that jobs will be filled by the senior applicant from among those applicants having sufficient qualifications.

(14) Working In Higher Job Classification. It was agreed that when an employee is assigned by his foreman and works in a higher paid job for not less than two hours he shall be paid at the higher rate of pay for that day.

(15) Meal Money. A meal money allowance of one dollar and twenty-five cents per meal shall be granted in all cases where overtime work continues two hours either before or after scheduled work periods, or where worked by employees on emerg-

Local 138 Member is Victorious Pipe Major



This colorful scene, showing the then Princess Elizabeth, Princess Margaret and Bonnie Prince Charlie with their official escort, was snapped at the recent Festival of Edinburgh at which John Wilson of Local 138, Hamilton, Ont., Canada, won first honors as Pipe Major of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders band.

ency jobs where the employe is called from home and works two hours or more. In the event overtime work continues, a meal money allowance of one dollar and twenty-five cents per meal will be granted every four hours of work after the first meal.

(16) The last sentence of Section H, will be changed to read as follows: "If he was not promoted from the present bargaining unit, he shall not be returned to it unless by mutual agreement."

(17) Section L. will be changed to read as follows: "If it is necessary for an employe to immediately donate blood for a member of his immediate family or another employe, or a member of his family, such time shall be granted without loss of basic scheduled time."

(18) Section I 1. will be changed to read as follows: "Time off on an employe's basic work day within the basic five-day work week, without loss of pay, shall be granted to an employe having one year or more of service in the event of a death as follows: Where the deceased was the father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, husband, wife or child of the employe, the employe shall be given time off between the time of death and the first day following burial up to a maximum of four calendar days so that he may make arrangements for the funeral and attend the services."

(19) Article II-B is changed to conform with the rulings of the National Labor Relations Board, the

Courts and the 1951 Amendment to the Labor Relations Act of 1947.

HARVEY C. COOK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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Participant Tells of Festival of Edinburgh

L. U. 138, HAMILTON, ONT., CANADA—Greetings to all Brothers of the I.B.E.W. and a special greeting this month to all Scotchmen of the I.B.E.W. wherever you be. Just three years ago now a bonnie fine laddie left his native home of Edinburgh, Scotland where he was born and educated and came to our fair city. Today John Wilson works for the Hamilton Hydro Electric System and is a member of our local. This man, John Wilson, not only became a member of our local but has won the respect of all members of our union because he is the Pipe Major of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders band of Canada and it was he who so gloriously led his buddies to victory during the Festival of Edinburgh last year which doubtless many of your number heard of. So fellows here's John Wilson himself to tell you something of that grand experience which he had last year over there in Scotland.

"Thanks Don for those few words. Well fellows it would take a lot of paper and ink to really tell you what I saw but I will endeavour to give you at least the highlights and I hope you will grasp a small conception of the trip as I saw it.

"At the beginning of 1951, the Commanding Officer of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (P.L.) received an invitation from the Festival Committee in Edinburgh, Scotland, to send the Pipe Band of the regiment to participate in the Gathering of the Clans in Edinburgh on August 18th. After due discussion, the invitation was accepted and funds raised by holding bingos, dances, sales of work and a car raffle. The various employers of the bandmen willingly cooperated by granting leave of absence for the period involved, and on August 9th, 14 pipers and 11 drummers, under the leadership of Pipe Major John Wilson (Hamilton Hydro Stores Department) and in charge of Lieut. A. Bliss and R. S. M. McGinlay, left the T. H. and B. Station Hamilton, enroute for New York and Scotland.

"New York was sweltering in a heat wave when we rose from Idlewild Airport in the giant B.O.A.C. strato-cruiser, and our first night in Stirling Castle (our headquarters) was marked by the cold. Because of the austerity program in Britain, no heating of any kind was permitted, and one of my drummers landed in a hospital for a few days with a chill. The rest of us soon became acclimatized, and enjoyed the tours we were taken on to the fullest extent.

"On Saturday, August 18th., we took part in the great march of the pipe bands along Princess Street; and the Gathering of the Clans at Mummyfield. The march was terrific in the sense of the unprecedented crowds

who turned out for the occasion, and because of insufficient police protection and control, really spoiled the whole thing. At Mummyfield the clansmen made us very welcome, and we were delighted to win first place in the competition for overseas bands. The R.C.A.F. Band from Montreal was second, and the Seaforth Highlanders from Vancouver, third.

"We were all excited over the command that had been received, for our band to proceed to Birkhall and play before royalty. We spent the next few days practicing and cleaning our kit and equipment. The great day dawned bright and clear, and we left early by bus and proceeded by way of Perth and Blairgowrie through the beautiful Glenshire and over the Devils Elbow to Braemart. I may say that I have never seen the hills so beautifully covered with heather in full bloom; truly a sight never to be forgotten. Birkhall, the highland residence of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth (now Queen Elizabeth II of England and the British Dominions beyond the Sea) and the Duke of Edinburgh, his just West of Ballatinon Royal Deeside, and we arrived there about four p.m. The band played on the green lawn in front of the house, and the two princesses and guests sat on chairs. Afterwards, in the garden at the rear of the house, every member of the band was introduced to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and was entertained at tea. The two princesses and their ladies chatted affably with the men, and after tea, many interesting photographs were taken by our cam-

era enthusiasts, one of which I enclose with this article. Princess Margaret asked if the band would play a March called "The 79th's Farewell to Gibraltar" which we promptly did. We finally took our departure after a most delightful visit, carrying with us treasured memories of a great day in our lives. The next day, Friday, we were up at the crack of dawn again and on the road to Dunoon, Argyllshire. The scenery was superb, and we stopped at Inveraray Castle to visit the Duke of Argyll, who had kindly invited us to drop in. As a memento of our visit His Grace presented the pipe band with an old Broadsword which had been used at the battle of Cullodin in 1746. Cowal Highland Games, Dunoon, are world famous, and attract the cream of pipe bands, dances, etc. Unfortunately, Saturday August 25th; turned out to be one of the wettest days in the history of the games. There was no shelter to speak of and by noon we were all soaked to the skin. By 4 p.m. the weather relented and the brilliant spectacle of the march of the pipe bands and the grand finale was blessed with sunshine. We were all overjoyed when it was given out that the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada had won first place in the Army and Territorial Pipe Band Contest, the first time ever for a Cowal trophy to leave Scotland.

"After a few days leave to visit relations or friends, we said farewell to Stirling, and at Prestwick took a last look at Scotland as we rose in

the Stratocruiser, enroute for New York and good old Canada."

Thanks a lot, John, for that really interesting talk and a glimpse of this wonderful picture. I know all you Scotchmen have had a real cup full and so again our thanks to John Wilson.

Well Brothers, that's all for this time but we'll be around again next month with something again of interest to all union members. I am of course referring to our new union contract which we have just completed and as soon as it comes off the press I will endeavour to give you some of the details. So until next month we wish to one and all the very best for an early spring.

D. W. A. NASH, P. S.

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Elmira Local Fetes 50th Anniversary

L. U. 139, ELMIRA, N. Y.—It's too bad a local has to be burdened with a press secretary such as I, especially one who is as slow in getting material in the *Worker*. Matter of fact, this letter is so late getting in, it should be a pip! Sorry we're going to have to disappoint you boys again. So on with the matter at hand.

About so long ago Local 139 had its 50th Anniversary party at the Hotel Mark Twain in Elmira, New York. And quite a party it turned out to be. It was a huge success, and a swell time was enjoyed by every last person.

Celebrate 50th Anniversary in Elmira, N. Y.



Just following the dinner which was part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Local 139, Elmira, N. Y., the members and their guests paused for this picture.

Participate in Local 139 Anniversary



These members, at the left, of Local 139 served as the committee for the anniversary celebration. Standing, left to right: "Dutch" Halleran; President "Red" Michaels; Leo Swank. Seated, left to right: "Cobby" Cobb; Tony Ventimeglia; Floyd Bauman. Also on the committee but not shown were "Burke" Hollerhan and Earl Roberts. The members of the Executive Board of Local 139, Elmira, N. Y., are, at the right, standing, left to right: T. B. Hollerhan; W. A. Wood; Raymond Kieffer; seated: Paul Halleran and Earl Roberts.



This group of veteran members of Local 139, who were honored with gold badges at the recent anniversary celebration of the local represent a total of 385 years membership. Those standing, left to right, are: Dan Henley; Joseph DeVon; John Ericson; Cecil Allen; Elmer Dailey; Paul Halleran; Matty Mattoon; Richard Gleason; W. A. Wood; Floyd Bauman and "Doc" Lepper. Seated, left to right, are: Rollie Burdick; Joseph Liggett; Edward Roberts; Ross Bundy and Joseph Clements, Sr.

The orchestra was making those old timers look like youngsters at their first prom. Hiya, Joe, or should I say, "Slowpoke?"

I wished I had taken it a mite slower as I woke up Monday morning working for a different contractor. Now there is a moral behind that business, and that's to stay away from strange contractors while under the influence of the stuff.

Local 139 was extremely honored to have such notables at our "50th" as Vice President Joseph Liggett. This big fellow could make any 50th a big success with his presence.

Brother Terry, who needs no introduction in this part of the country, was our guest speaker. His knowl-

edge of the I.B.E.W. should make those who have his guidance through trial, feel proud.

Brother Jerry Winterhalt also was present. He has been with us on numerous occasions and is just about a local member as far as we are concerned. He has always been very cooperative. Thanks for dropping by.

We would also like to thank the Brothers from the surrounding locals for making our 50th Anniversary such a huge success.

I'm sure you will see many faces in the enclosed pictures that you recognize.

Our regrets are few, but one is that we probably will never see another 50th Anniversary. But with the

regrets, boys, it's still the best organization in the country.

We would like to extend Brother Jerry Sheehe our most sincere sympathy in his late bereavement.

LES SWANK, P. S.

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Local 142 Members At Elrama Station

L. U. 142, PITTSBURGH, PA.—By the time this article is published another station will be added to the Duquesne Light Company system. It is the new Elrama Station. The initial unit of 95,000KW goes into service the first week of April. Joining the crew already there are Ike DuVall, Tony Totchia, Ken Marti, Don Pierce, John Gilmore, Jim Schiebel, Tony Novak, Sam Forse, Reg Freidrich, Tom Williams and Bill Moury. Lots of luck to you fellows in your new jobs.

We wish to extend a welcome to the following new members on joining our local, Robert McNany, Steam Heating Company, Lloyd McCracken, John Terney, Felix Miller, John Kosich, Calvin Brown, William DeLanzo, Henry Montanari, Pasquale Carlini, all of Brunot Island. We hope to see some of you new fellows out at our meetings. How about it?

Our sick list is a large one at this time. Charlie Wieland, Bob Andrasko, Ed Miller, Jean McCarthy, Al Arnold and Paul Balogh have been off for some time. To these members and any others who are on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery.

Sgt. Joseph Harrington of the Air Corps paid us a visit this week. Joe

is stationed in Labrador with the Air Corps. He tells me it really snows up there. They have a mere 165 inches of snow. They can have it. Lots of luck to you Joe from all the gang. I hope you are getting the JOURNALS I send you.

Red McMillan has done it again. Yes sir, Red got married again. He took a week vacation, got married and moved, with the help(?) of Bob Nelson, out into the country. The first couple of days back to work, Red was late, and then he missed a couple of days. Sick, he said. Sure, we believe him. To Mr. and Mrs. we wish the best of luck and long years of married life.

They tell me Pete Johovic has joined the ranks of the Benedicts. Pete denies this. Pete is quite a dancer and is seen regularly at the dances in town.

The bowling season is drawing to a close. In the Duck Pin League, Jim Moran leads with an average of 147. Frank Maffeo has high for one game with 215. Jim Moran is high for three with 531. The Gordon team is leading the league. The first Duck Pin picnic will be held June 15 at Hufmeyers Farm.

In Ten Pins, Chuck Gasper has an average of 173. Chuck McCall and Walt Shick have high for one game with 237. Gasper is high with three with 600. The Stokers team is leading the league by nine games and only nine games to roll. In this league we have a really consistent bowler. For two games he rolled a total of 210 pins. The next game he rolled 225. He also has the all-time record for low with a 73. Who is this champ? You guessed it, Tommy Moran.

I wish to express my thanks, and I'm sure the thanks of all our members, to Mat Poelcher, Bill O'Reilly and Ken Shueler for the splendid job

they are doing on our Welfare Fund. I know what a lot of work and time is used in their work and what a thankless job it is. Keep up the good work fellows.

Have YOU signed up for the Blood Donor Service? What are you waiting for? It could be useful to you. JOIN NOW.

Are you a good UNION MEMBER? Do you attend your local union meetings? Do you help your officers when they need help? Abraham Lincoln once said, "The strongest bond of human sympathy, outside of the family relation, should be one uniting all working people of all nations, tongues and kindreds."

HARVEY C. COOK, P. S.

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Local 146's Offices Newly Redecorated

L. U. 146, DECATUR, ILL.—Members of Local 146 are really in for a treat when they attend the next regular union meeting. The offices and hall have been newly-painted, and 100 nice, shiny, new all-metal folding chairs (with the union's name painted on the back of each) have been purchased to replace the creaky, splintery, wooden chairs formerly used in the meeting hall. In the business agent's office, visitors will find new drapes, newly-painted desks, and a mimeograph machine for union bulletins. The general appearance has been so much improved that members will be proud to show their friends, or visiting Brother members, their official meeting place.

Next Friday and Saturday, the semi-annual State Conference of the I.B.E.W. will be held in Springfield and the business agent and president of the local will attend as delegates representing Local 146. Many important issues involving past, present and future policies of the Electrical Workers are discussed at these conferences and a better understanding of many problems confronting the electrical industry is obtainable through the open discussion possible in these meetings.

On June fifth, sixth and seventh, the Industrial Relations Conference will be held at Allerton Park, near Monticello, and yours truly will attend as delegate representing Local 146. This conference is sponsored by the Illinois State Federation of Labor in cooperation with the University of Illinois, and is the second annual conference of this group. The object of this conference is to develop methods of further educating workers in their chosen field. Today's specialization of crafts has driven home the necessity of every workman being equipped with all the knowledge and ability possible in order to perform

his job to the best of his ability. Only by taking advantage of the various educational resources of our community and state will this eventually be possible.

One example of the training mentioned above is our Apprenticeship Training Program, sponsored by the Federal Government, sanctioned and controlled by state supervision, and administered by accredited high school instructors. Through this type of education the local union, and the community as a whole, is bound to benefit, through the better quality of workmen who emerge from the training program.

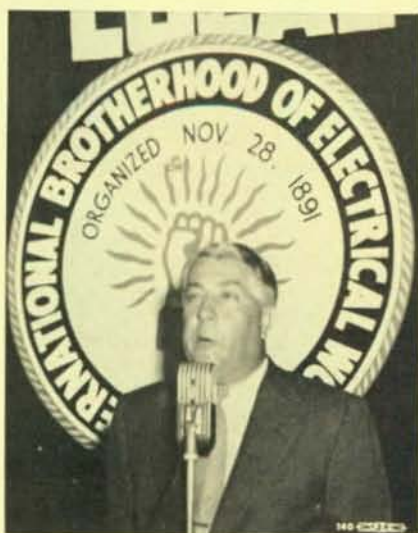
Our Business Agent A. C. Kohli, reports that Brother Van Dyke of Local 795 in Columbia, Missouri, has been retained as superintendent by Great Northern Electric on the Tuscola job. They have the powerhouse and processing plant so far. Kohli also advised that the Lummus Company will move in about April 15th on part of the project. Foster-Wheeler also have a contract due to start soon.

At Taylorville the Allied Mills have awarded a contract to Jacobson and Son Electric of Peoria, for extensive new additions to the existing plant. This work is also scheduled to start in the near future. Work being done on the new Y.M.C.A. in Decatur by Hamilton Electric, is progressing satisfactorily at last reports. Work on the addition to the Revere Copper and Brass job in Clinton is also moving along under the supervision of Otis "Jersey" Cole, for Hamilton Electric.

Myrvold Loeb is foreman for Long Electric of Peoria on the Macon Arms job. Krigbaum Electric has a crew working at Oakes Products on remodeling there. Heise Electric Service is just finishing a new school in Mt. Auburn, and just starting work



One of the veteran members, Joseph Liggett addresses Local 139 members and their guests.



Brother Al Terry was the guest speaker at the celebration of Local 139's Anniversary.

on the new southeast grade school in Decatur. Work on the new addition to Garfield School is also just getting started, and "roughing-in" has just about been completed at Shelbyville on the new addition to the hospital there. Al Wayne has been foreman for Heise Electric at Mt. Auburn and Shelbyville. Work on the big new addition to the signal depot in Decatur is due to begin immediately, but electrical work cannot be installed until the building is entirely erected, as it will be an exposed wiring job. This will probably mean fall before the job can get underway. However, the big Petro Chemical Plant at Tuscola will, no doubt, absorb all available manpower for some time to come and draw workmen from the entire midwest.

The local work situation has a better outlook for the coming year than for the past several years and they have not been too severe as far as unemployment was concerned.

I am enclosing a photograph taken in California while Henry Platzbecker, a former member of Local 146, and now a local electrical contractor (under the name Trotter Electric) was visiting his old buddy Ted Hill, another former Local 146 member, who now lives in Santa Ana, California. Ted Hill is on the left and Henry Platzbecker on the right. Old timers of Local 146 will get a kick out of these two "comedians." There was never a dull moment when these two got together!

BOB WAYNE, P. S.

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Pa. Essay Contest Awards Scholarships

L. U. 149, PITTSBURGH, PA.—As one columnist to another, (and in my case I use the word loosely) I would like to take this opportunity to extend congratulations to those members of our local who have been contributing to our monthly company publications, "Public Service" for the Philadelphia Company and the "Equitable News" for the Equitable Gas Company. The columns are all interesting and it would be nice if more departments were represented. Read your magazines, folks, and if your group is not among those present, see if you can get someone in the office to take on the job.

In commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Pittsburgh Central Labor Union, each of the six State Senators of Allegheny County has assigned one of his senatorial scholarships to the Central Labor Union for award to the winner of an essay contest entitled "What Organized Labor Has Contributed To The American Way Of Life." One scholarship is valued at \$900.00 for a four-



Two former members of Local 146, Decatur, Ill., Ted Hill, now of Santa Ana, Calif., and Henry Platzbecker, pose affably for our "Journal."

year course at the University of Pittsburgh, and will be awarded to the winner in each of the six senatorial districts. The contest is open to Local 149 as an affiliate of the Central Labor Union. Any members, providing they meet the necessary requirements, are eligible. Also included for participation in the contest is a member's son, daughter, sister, brother, niece or nephew. Full information regarding the contest has been posted on all bulletin boards throughout the companies.

Due to the change in the International Constitution relative to the "A" membership plan, we have had a number of new applications for transfer from "BA" to "A," to beat the deadline of May 1, 1952. Even under the new provisions, it is a good proposition for what you get out of the insurance and pension. So, you younger members, those under 35 years of age, get signed up now so that you will be eligible for the full \$50 pension when you retire at 65. For you members over 35, SERUTAN is good, too.

Our organizing campaign to enroll the unaffiliated personnel on the property of the Equitable Gas Company is rolling right along. Eugene Chrise, vice president of Local 149, is on a full-time job working out of our Joint Board coordinating the drive. All IBEW members on the gas property are urged to contact any of their acquaintances who do not now belong to Local 149 and get them to sign up.

We would like to extend our congratulations to Local 1245 in San Francisco on winning the physical group on the P. G. and E. property there. We hope they have as much success in their campaign for the clerical group. We here in Local 149 can certainly affirm to the benefits secured with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers as bargaining agent on our properties.

On April 18, 1775, a British officer pointed his sword at American patriots and yelled: "Lay down your arms! Disperse, you rebels!" Following a moment of ugly silence, a shot rang out. A roar came from the crowd. It was the voice of the common man demanding his rights as a free citizen. We won those rights then and we have had to bear arms several times since to maintain them. We are told that our young men are now fighting to preserve that freedom, but there seems to be diverse opinions as to the real purpose of the conflict in the Far East. However, we here at home should certainly see to it, that by the ballot, we raise our voice once again, to preserve the heritage that has come down to us from that village of Lexington in 1775.

One last word. Don't forget your Red Cross blood bank. An investment there of a pint of blood may pay a dividend of some boy's life.

VERNER A. KORTZ, R. S.

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Public Service By Warren, Pa. Local

L. U. 174, WARREN, PA.—This letter will probably be my annual contribution to the *Journal*, as we still can't afford a stenographer and letter writing for me, so that someone else can read it, is a tough job. I do know of several members of our local who would write some letters if they could write like they can talk. Oh, boy!

Again this past Yule season, Local 174 got into the spirit and put up the street decorations. It was a good show, both very pretty and well done. Almost every resident member turned out to give his time and effort to make this a success. A great help came from Pennsylvania Electric, Bell Telephone, Schaeffer Electric and C. Beckley Company, all contributing a truck and men, both in the erecting and dismantling of over 100 strings of lamps and various other decorations. New York's Times Square had nothing on Warren—for three weeks anyway. Local newspapers and radio stations gave Local 174 plenty of publicity, all good. The Chamber of Commerce gave us a dinner with all the trimmings (I got one after) that will not be forgotten. Local 174 intends repeating its good neighbor policy each year. Perhaps some day it will pay off in city legislation favorable to union labor.

Here it is, well into 1952, and I do think it will be a good year for us. There is going to be a lot of work and most of this work we will be paid for. But some will not—I mean that little shanty up at North Warren. Along with the bricklayers and

fitters, we are going to be very, very busy. In fact some of us are going to have to put off that fishing trip (Duffield), first aid will have to take care of itself (Boyer), the road to Oakview is full of holes (Yeagle), Christmas trees can wait until December (Thoma), plant those potatoes next September (Ferrie), you don't need your teeth to swing a hammer (Barrone), she won't be too lonesome (Palmer). Aw heck, this can't go on. Who, me? Oh, Smith and I have quit playing with our wives and Canasta.

Nineteen hundred fifty two is election year—vote for labor!

EDGAR L. BESSETT, P. S.

High Praise for Widows Creek Steward

L. U. 175, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—Since there isn't any outstanding news from this center and really nothing worthwhile to gripe about, we feel that it is a waste of space to write except for the fact that L.U. 175 is always on its toes and believes in doing its part for unionism.

Our local primary is over, and much to the joy of this individual, a so-called union candidate was defeated for the sheriff's nomination. He was defeated by a man who believes that unionism and citizenship are for the people. Raymond Hixson, our next sheriff, is not a human parasite. He has never been one to believe that labor would support him without his having the qualifications to fill the office. We would be happy to inform all office seekers that labor is not blind, and when one depends on labor to push him up the ladder, he has to have a lot on the ball and not depend on a few local union "big shots."

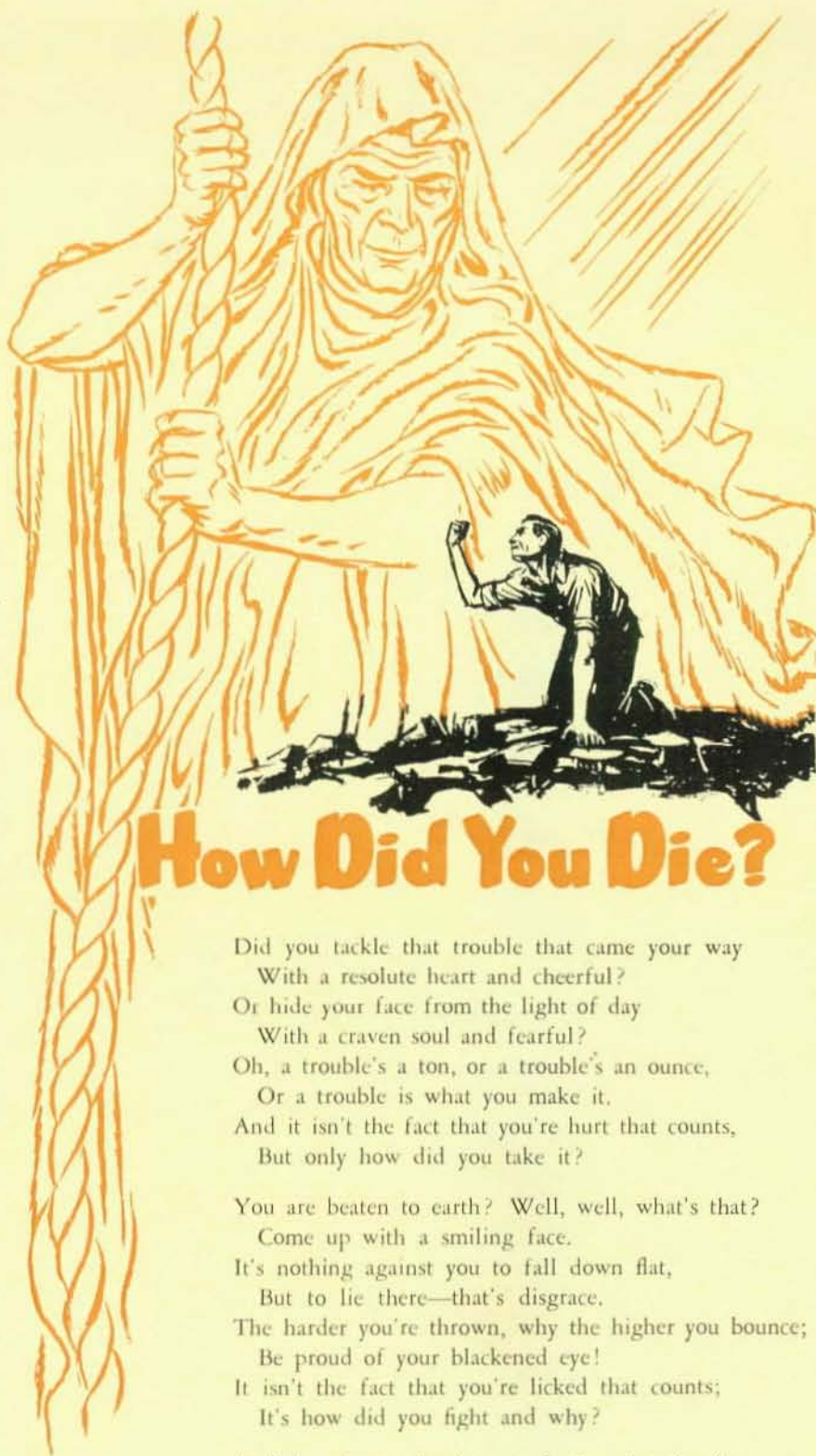
The above statement leaves us in a happy frame of mind, and we want it known that your press secretary believes that Widows Creek is the best job in this section strictly through the efforts of one person, and of course with the full cooperation of "Burr" Williams up in the front office. There is no comparison between the job we left and the one to which we returned.

John R. "Lum" Turner deserves all the praise. He is the roughest, toughest, meanest and fairest steward whoever straightened a job out.

JOHN T. HARRIS, P. S.

Full Schedule, New Contract Set

L. U. 180, VALLEJO, CALIF.—Well, the rains came—and went, we hope—and now the old hay maker is slowly drying us out so we can get back to



How Did You Die?

Did you tackle that trouble that came your way
With a resolute heart and cheerful?
Or hide your face from the light of day
With a craven soul and fearful?
Oh, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce,
Or a trouble is what you make it,
And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,
But only how did you take it?

You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that?
Come up with a smiling face.
It's nothing against you to fall down flat,
But to lie there—that's disgrace.
The harder you're thrown, why the higher you bounce;
Be proud of your blackened eye!
It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts;
It's how did you fight and why?

And though you be done to death, what then?
If you battled the best you could;
If you played your part in the world of men,
Why the Critic will call it good.
Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,
And whether he's slow or spry,
It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,
But only, how did you die?

—EDMUND VANCE COOKE

a full production schedule. And, according to all advance reports, we will have a full schedule this summer. Many new jobs are starting, some of them large enough to last more than one summer, which is good!

However, the past few months didn't treat our members too badly, as most of them kept busy enough to stay out of trouble and our "Bench Warmers' Society" never too active, were very conspicuous by their continued absence, which is also good!

Springtime of '52 brings negotiation time to the front again and our committee is hard at work, ironing out new and better provisions to be included in new contracts. Chairman Clarence Feagle reports that negotiations are going ahead very satisfactorily and in a friendly, cooperative manner. This, too, is good. By the time this is published, we should be able to announce several new and better clauses in our contracts.

Spring also brings nomination time for local union elections, so candidates are busy announcing their intentions of seeking nomination and busy figuring out their chances for election. This is one of the most truly democratic functions of our Brotherhood—these local elections—and I want to remind every member to take a hand in the proceedings. By speaking up now, many won't need to yell so loud later. Your vote means a lot, so it's well worth a little effort.

D. V. McCARTY, P. S.

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New Season Starts Decoration Day

L. U. 210, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—By the time this bit appears in the *Journal* all the kids in the Nation will be full of Easter eggs and their parents will be trying to figure out how to pay for all the new clothes bought for that particular occasion.

Good weather is here at last and Decoration Day marks the official opening of the season here at the Shore. Even though I've lived in this section all my life, it's a thrill ever new, to see the sporty togs of summer.

Decoration Day is that holiday set aside in memoriam to those brave men who gave their lives so other men could live in peace. This then, is a day in honor to those heroes of the first World War.

Twenty-five years later the second World War was leased on mankind. Infinitely worse than the first war, it was fought for the same reason. This brings us up to the present, on the threshold of the third World War. To what horrors this one will lead, only God in his Infinite Wisdom can foretell. We can only hope and pray for the best.

Just Glancing Around: I note the

first 12 miles of the new high line being built for the Atlantic City Electric Company, in South Jersey, is complete and by the time this article appears the latter 17 miles of line will be well on its way to completion. I understand there are to be three extra gangs put on it and a possible guarantee of 40 hours a week. Not bad if true. (The guaranteed 40, I mean.)

I also note that the Brothers in our local aren't being too prompt with their hospitalization dues. "Don't take chances of lapsing your policy, gang; you never know when you'll need it. So get those dues in on time. What do you say fellows?"

That Tommy Fehy of L. U. 103, Boston, Massachusetts with whom I have the good fortune to be working, is even saltier than I am when it comes to luck at cards. "Well Tom, that good cycle has to come up sometime. Or does it?"

That Brother Cheetham, our new local union president, is doing a good job keeping things straightened out, both in the meetings and in the field. "Keep up the good work fellow, it's being appreciated whether you know it or not."

EDWARD J. DOHERTY, P. S.

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Outstanding Officer Dies Suddenly in N. J.

L. U. 211, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—It is with deep regret that the scribe of Local 211 has to report that our local had the misfortune of losing its beloved President Frank Camp, who passed away very suddenly on March 9th, 1952. He died relatively young as he was only 53 years of age and to my knowledge had not been sick. I believe on Sunday after attending Mass in the a.m. he complained of feeling sick around 2 p.m. and around 3 p.m. his family had him taken to the local hospital and as told to me he passed away around 9 p.m. the same night. Frank has been a very active president of Local 211 for the past seven years. He was initiated into Local 211 on March 15th, 1920. Our past president to my knowledge attended all Executive Board meetings and I know of only one regular meeting that he missed during those years that he was in the chair and yours truly presided over that meeting. There may have been other nights but not to my knowledge. Frank Camp always held Local 211 dear to his heart and always fought for the welfare of every one concerned who belonged to Local 211. He will be sadly missed by the Brotherhood of our local, and I would like to say at this time that there was quite a turnout of our members for the viewing and I would like to say at this time that

Local 211 and their officers appreciated the delegation which came down from Local 439, of Camden, New Jersey headed by Phil Kelley their business manager to pay their last respects. It was quite a shock to all of Local 211 and to his immediate family, whom I happen to know personally and I would like to say at this time I would like to offer my condolences sincerely.

I also have to report another Brother of Local 211 passing into the great beyond. He was one of our older members. Frank Hurley is his handle, and he passed away March 12th, 1952. He was 66 years of age and was initiated into Local 211 September 16, 1918. He was a past member of the Executive Board and Examining Board several times. I understand that Brother Hurley had been sick for some time. He will be sadly missed by his family and by the many Brothers who knew him personally in Local 211. Frank Hurley is a Brother to William Hurley who is also in the I.B.E.W. and also a son John Hurley and they are also members of Local 211.

At the next regular meeting of Local 211 one of our younger members of the Executive Board was appointed president to fill out our past president's term until the next regular election. His monicker is none other than Edward Penny. And this scribe would like to say at this time that as vice president of Local 211 I believe the Executive Board made an excellent choice in appointing Brother Penny our new "Prez." For years our local has been trying to get some of our younger men to run for office and here is an opportunity for one of them to really show his wares. Go to it, Edward and here's wishing you the necessary wisdom and powers necessary to carry out your duties in office. I know in my own heart that you will make a good president for Local 211. The best of everything to you Ed, in your new endeavor.

I would like to say that Brother Harfey is coming along very well, and before closing I want to thank Business Manager Herbert Stickle and Frank Stokes our financial secretary for the information they passed on to me about our deceased Brothers. In closing I would like to enclose a poem by Margie and it goes like this.

"When things appear to be blackest,
When you seem to have met your match,
When you have your back against the wall:
Scratch, Brother, Scratch!"
See you next month folks and let's keep the jobs and men safe.

BART "CURLEY" MAISCH, P. S.

Local 223 is 50 Years Old

L. U. 223, BROCKTON, MASS.—On January 22, 1902, Local 223 was born. Fifty years later, on January 28, Local 223 celebrated its birthday. Our charter members, Art Spencer and Oscar Allen, were with us on that occasion to receive an ovation they richly deserved.

The weatherman saved his worst for "our night" but the 189 members, families and friends were well rewarded with a turkey dinner and a fine evening's entertainment. The affair, held at the 400 Club, was opened by Francis Hannan, chairman of the banquet committee, who thanked everyone present and gave the floor to President Fred Beer, who carried on as master of ceremonies. Fred in turn recognized our Business Agent Herbert Ferris, who introduced our charter members, Oscar Allen and Financial Secretary Arthur Spencer. Hamilton wrist watches were presented in recognition of their 50 years of Brotherhood. Among our guests were Business Agents James Loftus of Local Union 224, New Bedford, and Charles Manter of Local Union 236, Taunton.

Our state examiner of electricians and former recording secretary of our local, Harrison Witherall, also attended, as did Walter M. Carroll, the Brockton inspector of wires. While our International Representatives of this area were invited, sickness and snow combined to prevent their attendance.

Hats off to Buster Hannan and his six hard-working members of the banquet committee: Bob DesRoche, Ed Clark, Jim Flynn, Dick Parody, Fred Beer and Hap Ferris.

ROBERT WOODMAN, P. S.

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Local's Annual Fete Proves Outstanding

L. U. 266, PHOENIX, ARIZ. — On February 22nd at Riverside Ballroom, located in the southern part of Phoenix, Local 266 held its annual party. This affair has grown in size and stature each year and is now looked upon as one of the top social events on the Arizona labor calendar.

This gathering is the one night in the year when the various labor problems are cast aside by the members of the local. The officials of the Salt River Project and their families are invited to gather together with the union members for an evening of frivolity and pleasantries.

From six to eight p.m. a western style beef barbecue with all the trimmings was served by a caterer, and a delicious and filling dinner was re-

Local 223 Celebrates 50th Birthday



Officers of Local 223, Brockton, Mass., are shown extending their congratulations and presenting watches to two charter members of the local at the 50th anniversary celebration held recently. Left to right: President Fred Beer; Financial Secretary and Charter Member Art Spencer; Charter Member Oscar Allen and Business Agent Hap Ferris.

ported by all. Shortly after eight and continuing until after midnight, dancing along with liquid refreshments was enjoyed by the assembled throng.

Music for this affair was furnished by Brother Gib Anderson and his orchestra. Gib, besides being a member of Local 266, also belongs to the Musicians Union. He and his band are very much in demand in the Valley of the Sun.

The details and particulars pertinent to the holding of the party were handled by Brothers: Gardner, Mowery and Ashton. In addition various other members ably assisted around the hall during the course of the evening. All who contributed in any way to the success of the party are to be congratulated for their fine work.

JOHN G. O'MALLEY, P. S.

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Films and Debate Featured at Meeting

L. U. 230, VICTORIA, B. C., CANADA.—Something new was introduced at our last regular meeting, at least it was new for our local. Some slide films were shown on safety measures in line work, and later, under "Good of the Union," an organized debate on the question, "Resolved that the Amalgamation of the A.F. of L. and C.I.O. is in the Best Interests of Organized Labor," was staged. Brother Harry Harding and Bill Hohlaehoff took the affirmative, with the writer and Brother Jack Driscoll upholding the negative. After some 45 minutes of facts and ideas from the four speakers, audience participation followed, the affirmative being sustained when a vote was taken.

A brief comparison between the

early unions and their present-day counterparts was made, attention being drawn to the fact that the old timers more than made up for their lack of funds by the strength of their convictions and the soundness of their principles, whereas today a big bank balance is regarded by some as the hall mark of success. The growing tendency to hire professional people such as economists and lawyers, to do the jobs that were formerly done by the members themselves was also noted. In fact the viewpoint was expressed that a merger between the Hudson's Bay Company and T. Eaton Ltd., would probably have much the same effect on the working man as the merger under discussion.

All four speakers were in complete agreement however upon the need for working men to have a better understanding of the economic and social problems confronting them today, and the necessity for cooperative action to solve them. Division between workers both in thought and action has been our most expensive luxury, to date. The interest displayed by the members certainly repaid the speakers for their efforts. We hope to try something new again in the near future.

Our local is preparing to celebrate 50 years of effort during the month of April. The committee in charge of things can be seen furtively plotting in dark corners, before and after every meeting. I have a suspicion that even more plotting goes on at other times and places, since Percy Daggett, the chairman, is reliably reported as being an expert manufacturer of home brew. The show looks like being a sellout, we are all expecting a first class job as the committee are well experienced. We will let you know how it turns out.

Local 271 Members on Socony Project



This electrical crew, members of Local 271, Wichita, Kans., are pictured as they neared the finish of the Socony Vacuum project construction.

Brother O'Doherty's remarks from Local 561, Montreal are appreciated, yet sometimes I think there is more interest than we are aware of. Most people want to do the right thing, there are not enough police to stop us if we all suddenly decided to run amok and take it out on the guy next door. It seems that the desire to do right is often stifled by the fear of doing wrong, and it is our lack of knowledge on many things that prevents us from making the right decisions. In June, this Province will hold a general election for the Legislature. It will be interesting to see how the electorate behaves, especially since the present government has revised the Elections Act to introduce the single transferable ballot. As if the average voter isn't confused enough already when he goes to put a cross on a ballot paper.

F. J. BEVIS, P. S.

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Utilities Section Explores Conditions

L. U. 245, TOLEDO, OHIO.—It is spring again and a young man's thoughts turn to—well, we had better skip that and try to get down to business.

At the recent meeting of the Ohio Conference, I.B.E.W. in Dayton, Ohio, Local 245 Toledo, Ohio, was represented by Brothers Stephen LaPorte, Vincent Wise, George Thomas and Howard Delker. Of particular interest to us was the meeting held by the utilities section of the conference. Ways and means of better coordina-

tion between utility locals in the State of Ohio were explored.

President Stephen LaPorte has informed us that he has picked Brothers George Thomas, Howard Delker, Julius Letterman, Carl Yendrick and George Brassel to assist the officers in the coming negotiations with the Toledo Edison Company.

Brother Oliver Myers recently returned from attending the Executive Council meeting in Miami, Florida. After the meeting he stayed for a short vacation. We understand it was well enjoyed. Vacations—well let's see now . . .

PAUL SCHIEVER, P. S.



This 287-foot high tower is the new "cat cracker" at the Socony Vacuum Refinery in Augusta, Kans., in the jurisdiction of Local 271, Wichita.

Members Urged to Register and Vote

L. U. 252, ANN ARBOR, MICH.—There will be an election coming up again which should be important to all. So, Brothers, do not forget to REGISTER so you can cast your VOTE when the time comes.

IRA N. FERRIS, P. S.

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Full Employment In Wichita, Kansas

L. U. 271, WICHITA, KANS.—Having the most of our winter weather in March this year, has slowed down some of the work just coming out of the ground. But here in late March, and March is supposed to go out like a lamb, our jobs are getting under way.

Business Manager Carl Gustafson has asked me to extend his personal thanks, on behalf of Local 271. To all the traveling Brothers who came in to help us out. The large amount of work in the jurisdiction, is just getting under way in good shape now and by the time you read this, we will be able to use a good many more men.

We have taken our part of our building next door to the hall and will soon have new offices for the business manager, one for the assistants and a new meeting room for the Executive Board.

The annual Progress Meeting of our district is to be in Corpus Christi this year and Brother Carl Gustafson, Brother L. C. "Roy" Mitchell and Brother Winston W. Malcolm were chosen to represent L.U. 271.

P. B. JOHNSON, P. S.

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Regrets Passing of Old Union Spirit

L. U. 292, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—What can be happening to the intestinal fortitude of the men in the construction industry? Is it nothing, or have we a problem we don't comprehend as yet? Somewhere between the years, unions got their start and at present, I think we have lost a lot of that old individual spark that once existed in every person who carried a card—a spark that made him stand out as a union man through and through. Even in the face of losing a job (that was important then as now) these grand old rough and rugged specimens of mankind chose the right way and they stuck by it—we are now reaping the harvest. Yet, we hear of and see some of our own members go out of their way to break down conditions and lower the lot of

the many because somewhere in their demented minds they feel it is better to sacrifice their Brothers with the hope that they then will be better able to further their own cause. What a narrow world to live in, to think that way! There is no doubt that as we grew larger we gathered in a lot of misfits that have no leanings toward unionism. I'm sure some of our old-timers would be appalled to see some of the parasites in action today. Yet, maybe if these people who belong to unions and contribute nothing to them could go back into the past and see what took place then, their minds would change.

Now let's look at the sisters of these parasites—the timid souls. What place do they play in our unions? Do they also ruin conditions, or are they going to just drift along, always being used and abused? I believe they are one cause of the decline of unions. When these scared rabbits know of any happenings which might be detrimental to their brothers, do they tell the proper authorities or come out fighting? No. "I've got to work here," they say, or else they just clam up and forget all about what happened, claiming they always get a raw deal when they do bring things up. Yet, I don't believe anyone gets a raw deal if they are willing to fight for what they think is right.

One way to eliminate a lot of the trouble caused by (a) the aggressive back-stepping person and (b) the timid ones, is to show every new member just exactly what place he plays in the union and how he can help himself and his Brothers by being a good union man. Maybe in the very near future we will have an educational program here—I believe it's sorely needed.

The demands for this year's negotiations are formulated and we have a good, concrete program; also, we have a good, strong, negotiating advisory committee to help the negotiating committee. So with the members' continuance of the strength that has prevailed, we should get our paid holidays (6), paid vacations (12 days), and increases in some of our other benefits.

We in the construction industry need these benefits—I and all of the other members wish the committee the best of luck!

JAMES P. CONWAY, P. S.

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Contractors Notified Of Contract Renewal

L. U. 305, FORT WAYNE, IND.—News from L.U. 305 is just about the same at this time. All the Brothers are working and we have several jobs finishing up. The Salisbury Axel job hasn't started, but the grapevine says soon.

The contractors have been notified for negotiation of a new contract, but as to the outcome, that will come in a later letter to the JOURNAL.

Brother Parks is still on the sick list and we are hoping for a quick recovery. Brother Herman Flesher went on a vacation to the Grand Canyon, deep isn't it Brother Flesher? Brother Fred West had better finish up the Patterson-Fletcher job as they are about to run out of Remodel Sales.

W. L. WASSON, P. S.

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Lively Memories of Electric Veteran

L. U. 306, AKRON, OHIO.—A short time ago our business manager, Brother Murray, received a letter from one of the oldsters in the Brotherhood and he asked me if I would use it in a JOURNAL release. As you will observe, it is interesting from the standpoint of the early history in the application of electricity in its infancy, also from the standpoint of the keen memory of the old chap who wrote the letter. It reads as follows:

"C. W. Murray: In looking over the WORKER some time ago when you had your blowout, was interested in it as I started out in Akron driving a horse car and think I am the only one left. Another one, Joey Groets, passed away some time ago. When electricity came in, I went with the Christy Brothers, the first electrical contractors in the State of Ohio. We went to Cleveland to put two experimental cars from Lakeview to 55th Street car barn over Euclid Avenue.

"Saw them put a mast at the corner of Market and Howard Streets in Akron. They were going to light the town from the Erie Depot to the top of the hill on West Market with 4 T. H. arcs. Bill Hilliard was the first electrician in Akron. When they got the lights to the top of the mast you could hardly see them, let alone lighting the ground. Jack O'Mara, the underground man you had then, who passed away some time ago on pension, worked for me in Youngstown when he was a young man. I suppose you have begun to wonder how old I am. I will be 90 in May. Got my 50-year pin one year ago.

"Years ago I was chief in Jamestown when they built Celoron, the Phoenix Wheel that is there, also the electric fountain, came from the World's Fair about 55 years ago and is still in operation there. My home is in Youngstown. When there I attend No. 64's meetings. Never miss. It is ground in me and I enjoy them.

"When I was in Akron driving a horse car, I did the night coach work. The superintendent was at Thomas Edison's wedding when he got the Miller girl, so I was at the wedding also.

"There was a wooden bridge at Market and Main Streets where the Portage Hotel now is. I am at Signal Mountain staying with one of my girls and I have one in Youngstown. Was there when the first street lights were put on the street out Main.

"Nobody takes me for over 75. I am keeping house for this girl here as she works. I belonged to the Teamsters' Union in Akron 10 years so I have over 60 years in organized labor to my credit. Two-thirds of my life in organized labor and never regretted it and saw lots of changes. If I come back in the spring I sure will try to come to your meeting. I am one of the oldest card men in the Brotherhood.

"South Street was the corporation line at that time. Saw the first electric headlight go through on the C. A. and C. Railroad. Everybody was out to see it at midnight from Hudson to Columbus.

"Well, this has been on my mind for a long time so I had to unload some of it. Got your address from the office at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Signal Mountain is seven miles from there up in the mountain near Chickamauga Dam on the river.

"Well, Bud, I think I will close. Could give you lots more but think this will hold you for awhile. The first time you see Charlie Bowdich, No. 64 business agent, say hello for me, so bye-bye, with best wishes to all Brothers of the I.B.E.W. all over.

WILLIAM JEFFREYS,

1170 James Blvd.

Signal Mountain, Tennessee.

"P. S. You have a Kemple in your gang. I knew a Kemple in Akron, his name was Joe Kemple. I think it would be your boy's granddad. I am feeling fine." (Brother Jeffreys—in case you read this reprint of your letter, the old Miller Mansion where Edison was married, that was located on the Ash Street hill has been torn down for many years to make way for a parking ground which is used by the Yeager Company Department Store.)

Our Negotiating Committee has negotiated an increase of 15 cents per hour which will make a journeyman's scale of \$2.80 per hour effective April 16. With the relaxing of material restrictions, our local union will shortly need the help of some traveling Brothers to man many industrial and commercial expansion projects within our jurisdiction.

WILLIAM E. MALLERY, P. S.

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Northerner Gets 50- Year Pin in South

L. U. 308, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—In the early part of February, Local 308, St. Petersburg, Florida,

Honored for 50-Year Local 308 Membership



The officers of Local 308, St. Petersburg, Florida, and their guests present a fifty year certificate to a veteran member, Brother William Ulmer. Front row, left to right: President R. J. Beam, Brother Ulmer and International Representative L. L. Dick. Second row, left to right: Business Manager S. W. Hadley; Vice President Lee McKinney and Treasurer Ernst Golly.



Congratulations were extended to Brother Ulmer on his fiftieth year of membership by these members and friends of Local 308, St. Petersburg, Fla. Right to left, front row: W. H. Shourds; A. C. Lowrie, Brother William Ulmer; International Representative L. L. Dick; R. K. Brown and Frank Walker. Back row: R. E. Raleigh of Local 134 and F. W. Block.

received a communication from the International Organization. Nothing unusual there but the correspondence was a request for the local to present Brother William Ulmer of Local 38, Cleveland, Ohio, vacationing in St. Petersburg, his 50-year certificate and pin.

Seems as though Brother Ulmer was a fugitive from northern weather. These folks are commonly called "snow birds" in the St. Pete vernacular. The term is used loosely but in this case, a term of affection. Brother Ulmer being in St. Petersburg this time of year may be a happy coincidence, but from all appearances this seems to be a well-planned event. Be that as it may, Brother Ulmer is missing howling winds from the Lakes that seem to find every crack

and crevice on a construction job in the winter. A sad necessity is commuting between job and home through the snow and slush that makes a fellow think, what in the world he did with his summer's pay? No, I don't think the Brother missed anything and this was a well-thought-out plan, spending the winter months in sunny Florida.

Sandwiches, cold drinks, plus a cake were the refreshments served—a fifty-year birthday cake that was, and mighty tasty if I do say so myself.

A function of this kind usually has several speeches. This was no exception. Brother L. L. Dick, International Representative pinch-hit for Vice President G. X. Barker during the presentation. Brother Dick com-

plimented Brother Ulmer on his 50 years of association with the I.B.E.W. stating his affiliation has helped make our organization a success and what it stands for today.

You can see by the accompanying photograph the party turned out to be a reunion of Local 38. The Brothers in the picture represent 358 years of I.B.E.W. membership.

The other photo shows Local 308's officers during presentation of certificate to Brother Ulmer by Brother Dick.

As a parting comment to Local 38, you fellows go ahead and raise the electricians, send them to St. Petersburg and we'll preserve them.

DANIEL H. ABBOTT, R. S.

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Brother Frank Roche Visits Florida Local

L. U. 323, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—Our annual "Old Timers" night was a big success. We had one of the largest turnouts in a long time. We were honored by a visit from Brother Frank Roche, president of the Florida State Federation of Labor. We are always very glad to see him, as he is one of the most active labor leaders in the State of Florida and is doing a very good job. We wish him lots of success. He gave the members an inspiring talk on labor and also reported the Federation's accomplishments in the past and also outlined some of their plans for the future. We are sure that whatever they attempt to do will be done if it is possible for Brother Roche to do it. We will always be looking forward to another visit from him.

Our next order of business was the presentation of scrolls and pins to our older members. Brother Robert Burkitt received a 40-year pin; Brother T. J. Rees and Brother H. A. Ekebohm received 30-year pins. The following Brothers received 25-year pins: C. R. Borden, R. G. Burkhardt, J. W. Curtis, J. R. Hime, F. J. McGinnis, J. N. Roebuck, A. W. Merrell, Sr.; W. H. Wheat, H. L. Sprague, R. D. Sticklen and F. D. Seurlock. We wish all of these Brothers lots of luck and hope to see them all for a long time to come.

Of course after all this business was over, along came the big doings of the evening, the eats and drinks. I am sure they were enjoyed by all and everyone had a good time. I know I did.

We received a telegram from our International Vice President Barker with regrets that he was unable to be with us as more important business was on hand in other parts of his district. We missed him and hope for better luck next time.

Now for a little inside dope on

Service Pins Presented at Annual Party in Florida



The annual "Old-timers" night was held with great success by Local 323, West Palm Beach, Fla. Among the honored veterans and guests were, left to right, front row: F. D. Scurlock; C. R. Borden; Frank Roche, guest speaker and president of the Florida State Federation of Labor; Robert Burkitt; T. J. Rees; A. W. Merrell, Sr., and Walter Long, retired. Second row: F. J. McGinnis; H. A. Ekebohm; C. W. Curtis; R. G. Burkhardt; J. N. Roebuck; R. D. Taylor, charter member, and William Organ, retired.

Local 323. The members seem to be getting very anxious on the question of building a new home for themselves and as it is one of the most important moves of a local, it calls for all kinds of debates and questions. As they do not want to get off on the wrong foot they are going to ask locals that have been able to build their homes to offer plans and suggestions, also to send us pictures of homes.

Perhaps our International Office would be of some assistance with some suggestions as to size and type of building they would think appropriate for this location. It would be a good idea if our International Office would make up a pamphlet for each district with pictures and plans of local's homes in the districts and send copies to all locals that do not have a home of their own. I am sure it would start a lot of locals thinking of building a home of their own.

We are about to open our agreement with the contractors and hope to have some good news in my next article. Here's hoping.

We have had a very nice winter down here. Work has been good. At present they are calling in permit men, so that means the rush is over and now for the rush out of town. I imagine many of the Brothers will be leaving for parts where men are needed on defense projects. I know a lot of men who are planning to leave as soon as the weather permits them to go and that won't be long now.

WM. DONOHUE, P. S.

Several Jobs Going In Binghamton, N. Y.

L. U. 325, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—Here we are again after a long silence, hoping to do better in the future.

Recently we had the pleasure of welcoming one of our old Brother members who was visiting our town, Mr. Charles Davis, who now resides in Miami, Florida.

We have several construction jobs going on at present. One is the new Endwell School with Brother Al Burket as the foreman on the job. Brother Brown is doing a nice job as general foreman on the State Hospital job. The Light, Heat and Power Plant is nearing completion. Brother Bob Hancock is general foreman on that job. He has a large number of the boys working there. We have a large addition going on at the City Hospital and also a large housing project. Oh yes, we can't forget our good friend Brother Badley who is general foreman on the reconversion work at General Electric Company. He has a large number of our Brothers and several visiting Brothers working there.

One of the older Brothers, William Gibson, who was on pension for the past year, just could not stand taking life easy. He returned to work, says it keeps him in good health. Good luck, William, let's hope you keep healthy for a good many years to come.

Sorry to report at the time of this writing, the illness of several of our

Brothers. They are: Harold Phillips, William Tisdell, Fred Star, Kenneth Lamoreaux, Vito Fiore, and John O'Connell. Let's hope when this article appears in the *Worker* that the Brothers are all back to work and in good health.

We are all very sorry to hear that one of our local contractors, A. C. Smith, is on the sick list. Hope he has a very speedy recovery.

Sympathy is extended to Brother Sidney Gent in the death of his wife, and Brother Swinton Shimer in the death of his brother.

At our last meeting I noticed approximately 20 percent of our regular members are all that attended the meeting and they are the boys who run your local.

So come on Brothers, if it's at all possible let's attend the meetings.

ERNEST MUTCHLER, P. S.

Appeal for Active Local Participation

L. U. 339, FORT WILLIAM AND PORT ARTHUR, ONT., CANADA.—Spring is officially here but you would never know it at the Lakehead. We still have zero weather and plenty of snow. The robin wouldn't dare venture into these parts yet, if he did he would certainly get his tail race frozen. My health has not permitted me to attend many meetings in the past few months, however I am keeping abreast with the business of 339. It really hurts not to be able to at-

Local 384 Pays Veterans Tribute



In a ceremony witnessed by the members of Local 384, Muskogee, Okla., Local President Floyd E. Love is shown congratulating Brothers H. H. Shell and Harris Jackson upon their completion of twenty years of service to the local.

tend meetings as 339 has been a part of my life for the past 39 years. You know fellows that there is nothing more enjoyable to me than to get into a good argument, in fact it does me good. You see I suffer from low blood pressure and excitement sends my blood pressure up to normal, and it is then that I can go to town in a good progressive argument.

This is election year for 339, and for the information of our fireside members who do not attend meetings, nominations take place at our first meeting in June, and elections at the second meeting in June. Now I am not going to elaborate too much on this subject for you all know just as well as I do, that if Local 339 is to continue its progress and maintain its unity, good leadership is essential. Therefore, I am appealing to the entire membership to take an active part in our coming elections. Remember we have got to elect officers that can give good advice, guidance, maintain order at the meetings, know their organization, its rules and regulations and officers that have the courage to carry through their convictions, these are the qualifications that are essential to good common sense leadership.

We are sending two delegates to attend the progress meeting to be held in Winnipeg on April the 10th. Our President Charley Blair and James Walsh, chairman of the Execu-

tive Board are the two delegates. This will be the third or fourth time we have sent delegates to progress meetings and we have yet to hear a report as to the nature of the business transacted at these meetings. Our delegates had better be on their toes this time and bring back a good report or there will be "Hail Columbia" a-popping, for Local 339 has not been in the habit of spending money unless value is received. They tell me the boys are going to fly to Winnipeg. (Gay old birds "Eh What!") Bill Ladyman take note.

Brother Frank Ede, the grand old man of Local 339 has passed on to his eternal reward. He was 84 years of age. Frank was street-lighting man for the Local Hydro for 38 years and was retired on pension in 1945 at the age of 77. Brother Ede was truly a Christian gentleman. He always had a smile and a good word for everyone with whom he came in contact. May God grant his soul eternal rest is our kind wish, and may we offer our deep sympathy to his good wife and family. It is my intention to try and have a letter in the JOURNAL each month if at all possible, however if I fail the odd month be patient. Keep in mind what the man said when he was standing on the trap-door to be hanged. It seems he glanced up and noticed the officials had forgot to bring the rope with its ugly noose. The Warden asked the prisoner if he

had a last word to say. He replied yes, "No noose is good noose."

F. KELLY, P. S.

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Candidates Should Announce Policies

L. U. 347, DES MOINES, IA.—Now is the time for all good union men to come to the aid of their party. At this time there is quite an ado about politics. We hear of this or that candidate for public office. About the only thing we can learn about a candidate is that he is honest or that he is a vote getter. We get very little information in regard to the aims or ambitions of a candidate other than that he wants the job.

The term "politics" is a derivative of policy. If the only policy a candidate has, is that of wanting a job, then John Q. Public cannot expect much. If his only policy is that of being virtuous or honest we likewise cannot expect to benefit a great deal.

It is my belief that unless a candidate has at least one avowed purpose in seeking a public office then regardless of his professed virtues the voter loses his right of franchise in voting for such a candidate.

The results of electing these weak but honest men to office has been to create a feeling of an anti-attitude rather than a pro-attitude in selecting the leaders in our government. Unless the people have an opportunity to vote for a candidate that professes to stand for some specific proposition, then the representatives of the people have no way in which to determine just what the wishes of the people are.

There are hundreds of propositions that a candidate could advocate in his race for public office. This would give the voter an opportunity to either endorse or reject such proposals. It would seem much better to be able to go to the polls and express one's opinion in regard to proposed legislation than to go to the polls with the attitude that you were going to vote against some individual. While honesty is a much needed virtue for a candidate to have, he should also prefer some idea for the benefit or betterment of the people whom he seeks to represent.

We have had a good attendance at our recent meetings. It is going to be most interesting to see how the changing of our meetings from Friday to Thursday nights is going to affect our attendance. This change was made for the benefit of those who like to combine their Friday nights with their weekends or to take advantage of the sporting events and school programs that are usually held on Friday nights.

Brother Ted Dunagan has resigned from the Apprentice School Commit-

tee and also from the office of building trustee. Brother Dunagan has always been an active union man and has served on all sorts of committees. He has also been active in promoting the Electric Bowling League. We are sorry to lose Ted from our committees but recognize that he has done much more than his share in promoting union activities. Brother Dunagan is the type of man who would make any organization a better one by his association therewith.

It is reported that a Brother recently rescued a woman from drowning. He had pulled the woman from the river and was pumping the water out of her. In the course of this operation he had pumped gallons of water and a lot of mud and sand out of her not to mention a few small fish and a couple of frogs. A man unnoticed had been watching the proceedings for about half an hour. He finally tapped the rescuer on the shoulder and said, "I don't think you are going to make much progress with her until you pull her further out of the water."

Brothers you can pull your union further out of the water by attending your union meetings.

Be certain you are properly registered to vote.

FRED H. POWERS, P. S.

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Veterans Developed Present High Standards

L. U. 384, MUSKOGEE, OKLA.—The accompanying pictures show Brothers H. H. Shell and Harris Jackson being congratulated by our President Floyd E. Love, upon receiving their 20 year pins and scrolls, along with apprentices having completed their apprenticeship training; Brothers J. H. Harkreader, J. R. Fugate, Cleo A. Hughes, John R. Cowan, Lester L. Young, Charles D. Seekings and Clifford C. Holman.

Local Union No. 384 is proud of the service of unrelentless efforts of Brothers H. H. Shell and Harris Jackson in building and maintaining the high standard of Brotherhood existing in our local union. Brother Shell, except for a little misfortune during the "depression", has been a member in continuous good standing with the I.B.E.W. since 1907, where he was initiated for the first time in Local Union No. 655, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

The present members are grateful to these fine Brothers in helping make possible our privilege of enjoying our present wages and conditions.

Our members were awarded their certificate of completion by J. Bennet Jones, field representative, Bureau of Apprenticeship, U. S. Department of Labor. Brother Jones made a very

Local 384 Pays Apprentices Tribute



Members who received the Certificate of Apprenticeship Completion are shown with Local 384's president, left to right: John H. Harkreader; J. R. Fugate; President Love; Cleo A. Hughes; John R. Cowan, and Lester L. Young. Eligible apprentices not present were Charles D. Seekings and Clifford C. Holman.

interesting address pertaining to our Brotherhood, and left all of us with a feeling that more effort was needed by all members in our endeavor to place the standards of the I.B.E.W. above all other organizations. Local Union 384 which has insisted on having a high standard of qualifications for their journeymen are proud of these Brothers in attaining the goal of journeymen. Our organization believes that the high standards existing in the I.B.E.W. can be controlled, maintained and advanced, by the proper training of our apprentices both as mechanics and union members.

Our work at the present time is more or less on a slow basis, with a majority of our membership working in other jurisdictions. With the exception of powerhouse installations at Ft. Gibson and Tenkiller Dams and scattered projects of smaller industrial nature, our work is being confined to a residential and commercial basis. We are looking forward to the rebuilding of Camp Gruber, come the first of August. This should be a long-range project depending more or less on the necessary needs regarding our national defense.

But there is one thing we do enjoy through our combined efforts, and that is that 98 percent of all work is being done 100 percent union. We have never lost track of the fact that a "doorbell installation" is just as important as our largest project. We have been successful in completing this work and certainly have no intention of losing it. Our scale is \$2.50 per hour and negotiations are underway for an increase of 15 cents per hour.

Wish us luck!

J. R. TILLOTSON, B. M.

Public Relations Group in Meeting

L. U. 390, PORT ARTHUR, TEX.—On Monday, February 25, we had a public relations meeting in Beaumont, sponsored by the Texas State Federation of Labor. Local 390 was represented by Brothers J. W. "Dub" Miller, L.U. 390's president, Ernest Gones, business agent, George C. Cantrell, president of the Port Arthur Central Trades and Labor Council, and Fred Canada, your press secretary. Chairman of the meeting was Ed Gross, AFL district vice president. Brother Paul Sparks, secretary of the Texas State Federation of Labor was one of the speakers along with Hart Stilwell, a free lance writer, Stuart Long, the radio news commentator, and John McCullough, public relations director for TSFL. The TSFL will spend some \$17,000 this year promoting better public relations for the AFL. The meeting was very interesting and educational.

The big political year of '52 is here and we hope will be a successful one for us. Local 390 has several members in public office now: Brother James A. Kirkland, county judge, and Brother Howard Carter, Port Arthur city commissioner. Brother Fay Foster, of the "retiring" Jack Hyde clan, has announced for the race of Port Arthur city commission, Brother E. E. "Slick" Davis, Lakeview city commission, and Brother E. K. "Bo" Ratliff in the Orange County commissioner's race. Let's get behind these Brothers and help them to win their races. They need us now and we may need them later, so let's vote these five Brothers into office.

Brother H. W. "Swede" Hansen,

Outstanding Apprentice Given N.E.C.A. Award



Joseph S. Phillips, outstanding electrical apprentice of District III, N.E.C.A., is congratulated and presented with a wristwatch by C. W. Moseley, vice president of District III.

Bill Noack and Arthur Derrough are the active committee on group insurance for the local. In my opinion, which is something I promised myself not to publish (another broken promise), it is a good and needful program. Members on maintenance jobs are covered, but construction does not have the opportunity of participating in any company insurance program.

While we are speaking of insurance, let me put in a good word for the Insurance Company of Texas, labor's own and labor owned. The AFL in Texas owns the controlling stock of the Insurance Company of Texas. We own an insurance company! Doesn't that sound good? Together we will grow and grow and grow. Let's all support our insurance program.

Our bylaws have been approved and became effective—February 21, 1952. The most important change was raising the assessments to three per cent of gross earnings. It is good to have the local operating in the black after six years with red ink all over our books.

The Examining Board, consisting of the following Brothers; L. C. "Goober" Brown, chairman, C. R. "Curley" Ellender, E. E. Lockhart, A. O. Wiley, and W. C. "Push" Cump-ton, gave the first examination of the year. The examination was taken by five Brothers, P. L. Watts, appren-

tice, George "Pug" Simmons, apprentice, J. B. Stevens, apprentice, L. T. "Sonny" Hall, apprentice and son of C. P. "Copacetic" Hall, and H. M. Gaudet, marine electrician. The examination was to change classification to journeyman worker. All apprentices had completed the courses offered in the apprentice school. The next examination will be some time in June.

Brother T. J. Daigle, recording secretary for the local and school in-

structor, reports good attendance at the apprentice school since the enforcement of penalties by the local when the apprentices miss classes from which they have not been excused.

This local is enjoying a period of full employment with all the Brothers working here at home if they so desire. Let's hope a management-dispute (an expression coined by Brother Paul C. Sparks, TSFL executive secretary, who says labor knows what it wants to do, it's management that cannot make up its mind) doesn't upset this period of peacefulness.

FRED R. CANADA, P. S.

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Ninety Percent Give Blood to Ill. Drive

L. U. 399, CHICAGO, ILL.—Thought you might be interested in knowing that the Plant Department of the Mattoon, Illinois Chapter of L. U. 399, IBEW, during a recent campaign to get blood by the Red Cross, donated blood to the tune of 90 per cent of the entire membership.

These donors were telephone employees represented by this local. To my knowledge, this record has never been equaled.

If you can find an inch or so of space in the Journal, I'd appreciate your mentioning the above. Maybe it would start more of our membership thinking along this line.

JOHN H. BELT, B. M.

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Reports on Nashville Apprenticeship Plan

L. U. 429, NASHVILLE, TENN.—We especially urge each member of our local union to read carefully this

Graduate Apprentices of Local 429, Nashville



At a dinner sponsored by the Nashville Chapter of the N.E.C.A. and by Local 429, Nashville, Tenn., these graduating apprentices received their completion certificates: left to right: J. S. Phillips; Joseph Heckwolf; Frank Steagald, Jr.; Landis Moore; Thomas Hager and J. A. Anderson.

article, which is an account of the Nashville, Tennessee Joint Electrical Apprenticeship Committee.

To understand this report, one must understand the structure and procedure of this joint effort. To begin with we do not have a director to direct our affairs between meetings. The meetings of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee are held each third Monday evening at the Labor Temple. We are guided by our apprenticeship standards, plus Section 3 of Article XII of the bylaws of Local Union 429. The action of each committee meeting is carried out by the chairman with the aid of a part-time secretary in cooperation with the business manager and his office.

Applicants first come to us by way of each one filling out an application for apprenticeship. These applications are kept on file until the Committee is asked by our local union Executive Board and business manager to place in training whatever number is needed to bring our apprenticeship ratio up to one apprentice for each three journeyman wiremen.

The committee then authorizes letters to this number of applicants to appear before a sub-committee of the full J. A. C. on a given date. At this meeting, each applicant is screened separately and fills out a prepared questionnaire. At the next full committee meeting, these screened applicants are either accepted or rejected. Those accepted are turned over to the business manager for job placement. As each one is placed on a job, he is then notified to appear at our office to be indentured. From this indenture date, an apprentice begins his apprenticeship. At the end of the six months, an evaluation form is sent to the contractor for whom the apprentice is working. The contractor and the journeyman under whom the apprentice works are required to complete this evaluation and return it to the Joint Committee. Provided the report is satisfactory, the apprentice is required to appear at the local union office to file application for membership in our local union. The Joint Committee reviews each evaluation and if acceptable recommends each one to the Local Union Executive Board for final acceptance or rejection. If recommended by the Executive Board, the apprentice is usually accepted by the local union body for membership. His initiation of course follows. After this first six months each one must serve three years and six months more as an apprentice (unless he was given credit for previous experience).

Applicants accepted are not to enter classes until either after January 15th or September of any year. At the proper time, each new apprentice or starter is given a letter to Mr. Logan Keyes, director of evening

classes at Hume-Fogg Technical High School. This begins an apprentice's technical and on-the-job training sponsored and directed by the Joint Apprenticeship Committee according to adopted rates and standards adopted and approved by N. E. C. A. and Local 429's Executive Board and administered in cooperation with the business manager and his office.

We sincerely appreciate the help and assistance of all concerned in this effort for a greater and better trained Local Union membership.

During the semester of January to June, 1951, there was an enrollment of 29 first-year apprentices; 12 second year; 14 third year and 21 fourth and 22 correspondence students. R. M. Campbell, J. T. Edwards, E. G. Hardy, William Midgett, Eugene Rowlett, Robert Matzoll, David Feinstein, Robert Harrell, J. B. Ferrell, Paul Pickney, Joe Curley and J. R. Crain graduated at the end of the January to June, 1951 semester.

At the beginning of the September 1951 semester, a program was arranged to recognize the accomplishments of the graduates and to present each with a certificate of completion. Mr. Nick Tune, a contractor member of our J. A. C. headed up this program and acted as Master of Ceremonies. Brother Charles Vaughan led the singing of several hymns, accompanied by Mrs. O. C. Walls, pianist. The Honorable Ben West, Mayor of Nashville, was the principal speaker and presented each graduate with his certificate of completion. Brother W. B. Doss, 429's financial secretary and the first instructor of an apprentice class sponsored by 429, gave an account of the apprentice program of the local over a period of years. Mr. Tune introduced the other members of our committee and Mr. J. D. Currie, Bureau of Apprenticeship representative. One of the graduating apprentices, Robert Matzoll, spoke for the graduates, expressing their appreciation for all that had been done in their behalf by the instructors and committee. During this semester, the J.A.C. sponsored the selection of an outstanding apprentice in cooperation with Mr. Logan Keyes, his staff and the N.E.C.A. This feature resulted in Joe S. Phillips winning this award. The J. A. C. sent Joe to Memphis in June to compete with the other outstanding apprentices at the Southern States Apprenticeship Conference. As result of his work in Memphis, Joe was selected as the outstanding apprentice of District III, N.E.C.A.

At the end of the second semester, September through January, 1952 we graduated six more of our enrollment and then enrolled six new apprentices. An account of the full program follows:

Electrical apprentice graduates were recognized Monday evening,

February 24, 1952 at 7:30 p. m. in the main dining room of the Hermitage Hotel at a dinner sponsored jointly by the Nashville Chapter of the N.E.C.A. and Local Union 429 I.B.E.W.

Graduating apprentices: J. A. Anderson, Thomas Hager, Joseph Heckwolf, Landis Moore, J. S. Phillips and Frank Steagald, Jr.

Invocation by Dudley Miller, instructor and Local Union 429 member.

Principal speaker: Mr. C. W. Moseley, vice president of District III, N.E.C.A. Introduction of officers, instructors, and guests followed.

Mr. C. W. Moseley, principal speaker, highlighted in his address the presentation to J. S. Phillips of a very fine gold wrist watch, as N.E.C.A.'s award for outstanding apprenticeship and a very fine certificate designating him as District III's outstanding apprentice of 1951. Mr. Moseley compared this day with the days gone by in the electrical field, pointing to the many opportunities and responsibilities offered in this great field.

William Walker, J.A.C. Chairman, called upon all of the six graduates to take special notice of their certificates, reading out the words, especially asking that they all take advantage of the opportunities offered by our local union, urging that they begin attending meetings.

From your Joint Apprenticeship Committee to all of those who have graduated in the past and to those graduating in the future: First you came to us, the Joint Committee of 429 and our Local Chapter of N.E.C.A., we all have given of our time and efforts to do our part as set forth in your apprenticeship agreement. As chairman of our joint effort, and as a member of 429, we say that you have shared the results of a very thoroughly planned program. We hope that you will continue this sharing by continuing your period of apprenticeship, that each of you may become greater for the electrical industry and to do this, it is just not enough to be just an every day electrical worker.

Those great men of our electrical industry and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers did not become great by just being an every day average worker. We just wonder that if some of our International Brotherhood leaders and local union leaders had been just the average worker, where we might have been today, as to working conditions and pay. We just didn't get all of these things legislated and approved by Uncle Sam and his agencies. We must still have local union leaders and International leaders to work cooperatively together that we may hold what we have gained and make more gains.

Your local union must have had

in mind that some of the young apprentices would finish on top when we began this training program. Just because you have won your certificates don't rest on your oars. Give of yourselves as others have shared for you. This cannot be done by being just the average electrical worker. Look around you—are you qualified or do you want to be? We must first prove ourselves to be worthy of any task or opportunity before we are given responsibilities. That you will continue to at least try, is our sincere wish for you.

WM. A. WALKER, P. S. and
Chairman of Nashville Electrical
Joint Apprenticeship Committee

Medical Services, First Aid Stressed

L. U. 453, SPRINGFIELD, MO.—I noticed with a great deal of interest the article and pictures submitted by Local Unions 702 and 494 in the March issue of THE ELECTRICAL WORKER. It so happens that I am a tree trimmer in Local Union 453. I claim to be a better tree trimmer than I am a press secretary, but even so, I should like to submit a few items concerning this local union that I believe would be of interest to other locals.

We tree trimmers have a very good contract with the City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri. The inside wiremen of this local have just completed work on the new J. J. Newberry store; they also have 35 men on the Lily Tulip Cup factory. In the final stages of completion is the \$6,500,000 St. John's Hospital.

The inside wiremen, motor winders and radio trade branch contracts have been opened for negotiations.

Through the efforts of our business agent, free x-rays are being obtained for all employes of the City Utilities and, at a later date, x-rays will be available for all members of Local Union 453.

Linemen and other crafts of the City Utilities have taken a Red Cross course in first aid, in which much emphasis was placed on pole top resuscitation. Employes of the City Utilities believe this was a good step forward in their newly organized safety program.

A Ladies' Auxiliary of Local Union 453 recently was organized. The auxiliary is growing fast and is the largest ladies' auxiliary in Springfield. The members of the auxiliary have been very helpful in many ways to our local union. They assisted with our recent initiation party by planning and serving plenty of refreshments. The membership of Local Union 453 offers its hearty congratu-

lations to the ladies of the auxiliary for their fine work.

W. W. DUNN, R. S.

Salute Secretary on Tenth Anniversary

L. U. 479, BEAUMONT, TEX.—We wish to extend our best wishes and congratulations on her tenth anniversary with our local union office, to Miss Zena May Standifer, our secretary to the business manager and financial secretary Brother Vernon R. Holst. She was born in Beaumont, Texas on February 2nd and has lived in Beaumont all her life. She attended Averill and Ogden Grade Schools, David Crockett Junior High and graduated from Beaumont High School. She was a student of South Park Junior College. At present she is attending Lamar State College of Technology at night, working on a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree.

She is a member of the First Christian Church and sings in the choir. She is past president of her Sunday school class.

Her hobbies are dancing, stamp collecting, collecting plates, gardening, (particularly loves to grow chrysanthemums, gladiolas and pansies), and likes to travel, too.

She is a member of Office Employees International Union Local 169 having attended two international conventions, one in St. Louis and one in Toronto, Canada. She is the recording secretary of L. U. 169 and of the Sabine Area Council of Office Employees. She is a member of Ladies Auxiliary of B. L. F. and E. of which her mother has been a member for 47 years. Her father is a member of the Railroad Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.



Local 479, Beaumont, Texas, extends its thanks and congratulations to Miss Zena May Standifer who is observing her tenth year as secretary at the local union office.

She was employed by Brother W. L. Holst, Business Manager of Local Union 479 on April 17, 1942, and has been continuously employed by Local Union 479 since that date, working under the supervision of Brothers W. L. Holst, Ed Wheat and V. R. Holst, respectively.

Her family consists of mother, father, brother and sister-in-law, niece and nephew, and Rosita, her pet dog.

We Brothers of Local Union 479 want to thank you for the many courtesies and services rendered and want you to know that we appreciate your presence in our office as secretary to the business manager and financial secretary.

The following Brothers donated labor on the installations of electrical devices at the Beaumont Remedio Center under the supervision of Brother Roy Gibbs: W. C. Landry, J. J. Droke, Kermit Lopez, Walter Kennison, M. V. Scroggins, C. J. Christopher and S. J. O'Quinn.

Saturday, March 8th, at Galveston, a meeting was held of the Gulf Coast area union officers for a fellowship meeting. A good meeting was had by those who attended and a barbecued chicken dinner highlighted the entertainment. Those who attended from Local Union 479 were Brothers V. R. Holst, Ed Wheat, C. R. Young and W. A. Domingue.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved who have lost loved ones from their immediate families:

Brother of O. R. Boulware
Mother of Raymond Gall
Father of E. D. Linzay

O God, give us charity in judgment. May we withhold blame until we know. And to knowledge may we add sympathy; and to sympathy humility, lest we ourselves be guilty or in days to come be tempted and fall.

DENNIS O. CANNON, P. S.

Message of Faith From Local 488

L. U. 488, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—Once again the Christian World is getting ready to commemorate another anniversary of the resurrection of Christ. Once again many of us are perhaps thinking of the significance of His life 19 centuries ago. Peace on earth and good will towards men, was His philosophy. And He died on the cross with the words of that philosophy on His lips.

Yet, today, 19 centuries later, many of us are wondering whether the entire scheme of human salvation has been miscalculated, and whether Christ has died in vain. For today, 19 centuries later we find no peace on earth and very little good will among men. It seems that from East, West, North, and South comes the

never-ending tide of hatred, of intolerance, and of war. It seems that for 19 centuries, in which man has tried to fulfill this prophecy there have been 19 centuries of failure.

Is this true? I ask you? Some of us will hastily add, "Yes it certainly seems so." But Brethren, if we quietly analyze the teachings of this Great and Good Man, we slowly come to the inescapable conclusion that His efforts have not been in vain, that His ideology is more powerful today than ever before. And though nations have risen and fallen in their attempt to discredit Him, His few simple words live on in the hearts of men.

Hope, faith and truth are some of the lessons He taught—to practice truth in all our deeds, to have faith in ourselves and our neighbors, and to have hope for a better tomorrow. These are but tidbits of His philosophy, to which all good men and true have steadfastly adhered down through the ages.

Our thinking today ought not be any different, especially in these critical periods when we are constantly confronted with new difficulties and especially when the never-ending tides of hatred persistently engulf us. Especially at times when the scavengers of the ages swoop down upon our havens of safety and trample upon our faith and crush our hope, should we reflect and take to heart the significant words of that Humble Teacher from Nazareth. There is no one who could have expressed more aptly my message to you Brethren, than did Washington Gladden in his "Ultima Veritas:"

When the anchors that faith had cast

Are dragging in the gale,
I am quietly holding fast
To the things that cannot fail.
I know that right is right;
That it is not good to lie.
That love is better than spite,
And a neighbor than the spy.
In the darkest night of the year,
When the stars have all gone out;
That courage is better than fear.
That faith is truer than doubt.
And fierce though the fiends may fight,
And long though the angels hide.
I now that TRUTH and RIGHT
Have the universe on their side.

STEPHEN J. HUNYADI, P. S.

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State Convention Delegates Chosen

L. U. 505, MOBILE, ALA.—At the last regular meeting of L. U. 505 we elected our delegates to attend the coming Electrical Workers state con-

vention, and also our delegates to the State Federation of Labor conventions to be held here in April. These delegates were, to the Electrical Workers, Brothers Shannon, Dierlein and Vines, Sr.; to the State Federation of Labor, the three names above along with Brothers Lucas and Moore. So again, as usual 505 will be well represented by the Brothers so named.

The Electrical Workers will have headquarters and hold their sessions at the Hotel Admiral Semmes. The banquet and all the trimmings that goes along with it will be held in the ballroom of the Admiral Semmes, Friday night, April 25th. With President Dierlein as chairman, Brothers J. R. Doyle and C. W. Owens will make up the committee to arrange the entertainment for this gathering. This committee has promised all something worth seeing, and we are all looking forward to another good job from this committee in the way of making everybody happy and glad to be alive. So go to it, and good luck to you.

The State Federation of Labor will hold its sessions at the Carpenter's Hall, 969 Springhill Avenue, convening Monday morning, April 28th, at 10:00.

Well, boys and girls, did you see by the news reports that the State of New Hampshire didn't seem to think too much of the Senator from Ohio in their presidential primary vote. Lots of folks in these good old United States seem to think that Taft is going to be the man to beat. That I cannot see. I do not believe that his own party are going to go to bat with him. When convention time comes this June I believe that the GOP's are going to go to the polls with someone else, and that someone else is most likely to be General Eisenhower. Taft just doesn't seem to have what it takes to satisfy his colleagues that he can go before the country in November and put himself across like he can to his Brother Senators in Congress. And dear friends when a man cannot sell himself to his co-workers how is he going to sell himself to the country at large. But, this time Taft is really taking an open interest in the campaign to win for himself his party's nomination.

The people of Ohio had the opportunity to run him out of public life at the last Senatorial election. But, it doesn't seem that they wanted it that way, as they keep him as their Senator. So if he gets his party's call to lead them in the coming national campaign, (which I doubt) then we will all have a shot at him and send him back to his people in Ohio with his tail between his legs, a whipped man. My honest opinion is that I do not believe that the people of America want an isolationist as their leader at this time or any other time. That,

I also think, is the opinion of his party and for that reason he will not be their standard bearer in the coming November general election.

It is with deepest regrets that the writer and members of L. U. 505 received the news that Brother Tracy, our International President, and Brother Milne, our International Secretary will be unable to attend the coming State Electrical Workers Convention here, as we were looking forward to seeing them once again, and to have them with us at this gathering of State Electrical Workers. So, Brothers Dan and J. Scott you are really going to miss something, as this entertainment committee of ours is really on the ball and has some big things in store for those who will be fortunate enough to be on hand.

So as I close let me quote you the theme of our coming convention: "You are not happy unless you make others happy."

PERCY E. JOHNSON, P. S.

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Long Hours, High Pay in Savannah

L. U. 508, SAVANNAH, GA.—By the time this article reaches the JOURNAL, the large St. Patrick Day's Parade will be a thing of the past. Being the largest parade in Savannah it required three hours to review it.

Springtime is now being enjoyed with the trees and flowers in full bloom along with other indications that summer is around the corner. This is the season for our large jobs to break and require more members. Our local shipyard is in full swing, employing 125 men, 10 hours six days a week at \$2.35 per hour. The Hunter Air Force job will offer several hundred of our members future opportunities. Being of a secret nature no further news can be given concerning this base.

However, I would like to call to the attention of our I.B.E.W. members a few jobs that have been installed by members of Local Union 508.

Drayton Arms Apartment is reported to be the first air-conditioned apartment house in Georgia. This is a 12-story structure built to the specification of the National Commission for Atomic Bomb Shelters, its occupancy had been certified by the state a year before the building was occupied.

Chatham Apartments, a 14-story building which is rapidly becoming completed, consisting of 234 apartments, garage space for 234 cars, two elevators and a space for a future elevator. The service consists of 10-four-inch conduits and 28-500 MCM conductors, feeding from a transformer vault. Feeders to the apart-

Ten Years of Service to Montreal Blood Program



Brother Edward Gray, shown here with a Red Cross worker, has been designated the "Blood Banker" of the electrical shops of Montreal. He has given untiringly of his own blood and of his time in organizing the blood drive since the outbreak of war in 1941. He is a member of Local 561.

ment panels on each of the 14 floors starts with 18-2½-inch conduits, with two-2½-inch conduits to the penthouse. The supervision of this installation was performed by Brother S. A. Sullivan.

D. L. CANADY, P. S.

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Mayor Joins Local In Honoring Veterans

L. U. 544, HORNELL, NEW YORK—Twenty-five year pins were presented to Placidus S. Monn and Bernard J. Lynch at a recent meeting of L. U. 544.

The pins were presented by Charles J. McKluskey, I.B.E.W. Representative from Hoboken. Guests included Mayor Francis P. Hogan and representatives from Oswego, Corning and Susquehanna.

Mayor Hogan spoke on the progress of the Electrical Workers and reminded all present of the role played by the dieselization of the Erie Railroad in making them one of the city's leading crafts.

With their present position in community affairs, the union must be ready to assume leadership in aiding the community, he said.

"Without aid, people are often unable to see the personal advantages of community growth. They will not pay the price of personal interest,

thought, energy or personal adaption to community problems. Labor and management must unite and work hand in hand to supply this aid and create a more prosperous community," the mayor said.

Representative McKluskey reported on the progress of the Brotherhood and the union shop status throughout the Hornell area.

Taylor Soop, Erie System, I.B.E.W. general chairman, spoke on the workings of the system council and union progress on the Erie Railroad.

George Wandell, secretary-treasurer of Local 544, was toastmaster and about 90 members were in attendance.

A steak supper was served to all and round and square dancing was enjoyed during the evening. This is an annual party and the committee in charge of arrangements this year were: Brothers Donald Brunswick, Fred Yanni and Lawrence Aber.

FRED YANNI, P. S.

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Able Negotiators For Canada Local

L. U. 568, MONTREAL, QUE.—Your negotiating committee held a meeting with the union contractors this past month to discuss the new proposed agreement for the coming year. Since you elected me on this committee, it

is my duty to report some of the discussion that took place. Most of it was confined to the proposed clauses only; the contractors were all in favor of our last year's agreement as a whole.

Most of you who attended the last meeting are aware of the new clauses which we presented to our employers; we did not win them all, however we did win on some points. We gained an extra dime for the night shift; 20 cents additional and minimum above the journeyman's pay for all assistant-foremen (pusher); traveling expenses and eight hours pay at single time when going to and from the job outside of town providing it takes that long to reach the job site, and a few extra fringe benefits. The contracts are not signed at the time of writing and negotiations are continuing. However our increase of 15 cents is going in effect as of April 8th.

I believe this local is to be complimented on electing Brother S. MacFarlane on this committee. He carried most of the load along with Brothers Lafleur and Chartier both old hands at the game. Myself being just a beginner in this respect, I remained on the listening end of it most of the time. The few remarks I did make did not seem to impress our contractors in the least . . . Brother MacFarlane's remarks command a lot of respect and it is practically impossible to catch him off guard when discussing a collective labor agreement.

The Eastern Progress meeting is taking place in Montreal next week. I will have a report on this in my next letter since today is the deadline for the next month's edition.

By the time this appears in print we will be having our nominations for your officers for the coming term. The meeting will be held on May 19. Make it your duty to attend Brothers and exercise your rights of membership.

Let's keep in mind also that it's no use nominating anybody if you don't attend the following meeting to support your nomination and exercise your vote.

We had a regrettable accident this past month, Brother A. Bernier fell off a scaffold at the Pratt and Whitney job where he was employed by Bedard and Girard Ltd. Bro. Bernier has a fracture of the hip and is recuperating at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

A reminder to all Brothers who are sick or injured - - notify your Social and Welfare Committee as soon as possible. Your committee is there to help and assist you in any way possible and all its welfare activities are confidential.

LOUIS G. THERIAULT, P. S.

Heroic Story of IBEW Wife's Courage

L. U. 569, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Every day we hear stories of the amazing courage with which men and women face tragedies of life. Such a story of courage is that of Mrs. Lloyd Carson, wife of Brother Lloyd Carson, a member of L.U. No. 569 for many years.

A Salt Lake City newspaper carried a news item recently which spells new hope for this brave young wife and mother, for it told how she had been flown to Salt Lake City in search of a cure which may save her life.

Mrs. Carson's spine was crushed in an auto accident three weeks after her marriage in 1947. Since that time she has been completely paralyzed below the waist, but in 1950 she astounded the medical world by giving birth to a healthy seven-pound daughter, named Loydella, after her father.

Time and time again during the past few years, this young woman has heard doctors pronounce her case hopeless. Following an operation in October 1951, she was told that soon certain vital organs would probably cease to function. Mrs. Carson refused to lose hope, and now after months of illness and hemorrhage, June Carson is entering a hospital again and she will tell you that she has the courage of faith and that she has dreamed she will walk again. And she may be right for she has kept up her faith and her courage for five years, and met and conquered death many times during that period. Such courage may be rewarded. Every one of Brother Carson's fellow unionists in L.U. 569 and indeed in the whole I.B.E.W. join in the hope that it will be.

M. L. RATCLIFF, B. M.

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Member Retires from Examining Board

L. U. 595, OAKLAND, CALIF.—There have been many items of news and several new developments to be reported lately but your reporter has been busy and has hardly had the time to do justice to the reporting.

The results of the special called meeting for inside wiremen, if you were unable to attend, was a report of the conference committee, the reading of another of those enlightening communications from N. E. C. A. We should feel most appreciative of their efforts to explain in such simple language, the merits of protection of work and point out to us with such solicitude for our welfare its many advantages for us, a thing that we failed to perceive entirely when we

suffered this abominable privilege at one time and which we have never forgotten and certainly have no desire to experience again. This is a subject that every wireman should familiarize himself with, particularly those Brothers that were not with us when this unfortunate experience occurred.

At our regular meeting there were several items meriting comment. The item probably deserving top billing was the reading of resignations. Resignations numbered two. The first one was from Brother Donahue, resigning from the Examining Board due to his absence on an out-of-town job of long duration. We regret the loss but rejoice at this recognition of his ability and personality by his employers. Best wishes Jerry.

The second resignation was from Brother Fred Eggers, Sr. chairman of our local, resigning from the chair due to his many other activities, paramount among which, is the teaching of the apprentice classes and due to his recent change in marital status it is understandable that he desires some leisure to spend at home.

Several speakers expressed feelings of regret felt at the loss of Brother Eggers and the appreciation for a job well done. Both resignations were accepted.

The attendance at both meetings was heartening.

WILLIAM O. HURTADO, P. S.

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Renew Union Spirit, Correspondent Urges

L. U. 601, CHAMPAIGN AND URBANA, ILL.—It seems we have men in our local who are merely card packers—not union men. About all they care about is drawing the scale and to heck with attending meetings. On the other hand, if something happens they are the first ones to complain about it, yet they don't attend meetings very regularly or complain at the proper place. Brothers, let's encourage them to get to the meetings so these fellows will have no room to talk about what is not being done. I know a lot of them will say, "Well I just don't have time," but if you ever notice, they always have time for anything else. I believe an obligation should mean enough to anyone to get to the meetings and see what goes on, even though they don't have anything to say. Let's be union men again boys, not just card men.

We seem to have enough work at present to keep everyone busy. Work at the University will be fairly well caught up by the end of this year as far as the big contractors are concerned but by that time more will probably be opening up. There is a

good deal more work to be started at Chanutte Field after March.

I am glad to report that the Champaign-Urbana Building Trades is beginning to function again. For the past six years it had fallen by the wayside, but now it is reorganized and all crafts are in with the exception of the laborers. We hope they will join us in a short time.

Approximately a month ago we asked for a meeting with the contractors' representative, Mr. Cryder, representative for this area for the N.E.C.A. At the second meeting we settled for \$2.60 an hour, a 10-cent increase over the old scale, which is subject to the approval of the Wage Stabilization Board. We are now waiting for notice for it to go into effect.

A hearing aid was purchased for Brother Joe Chandler, a retired member, and we are glad to hear that it has improved his hearing considerably.

JIM ALLEN, P. S.

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Seventh Unit Joins Albuquerque Local

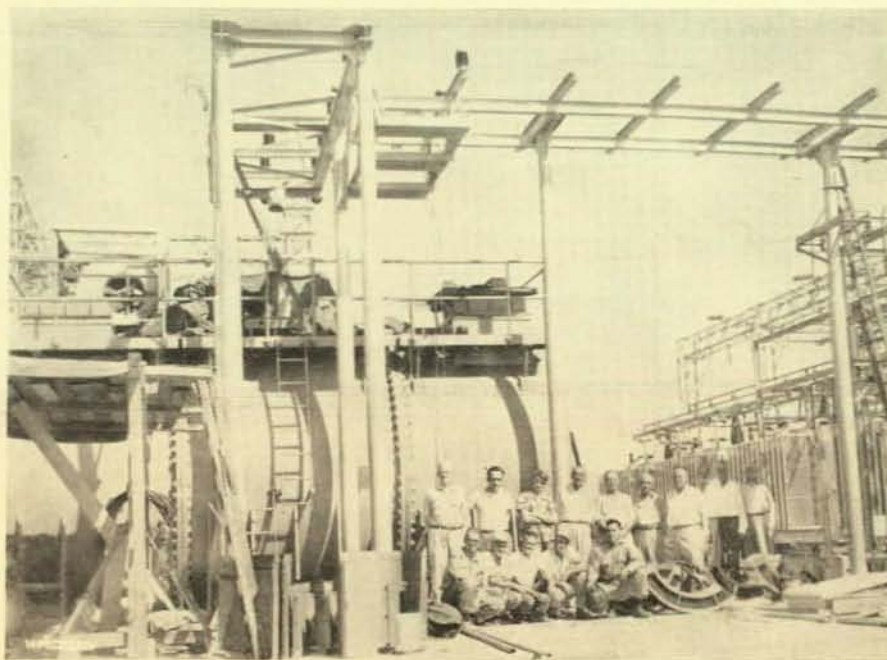
L. U. 611, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Did you ever see a dream walking? Well, Brother Business Manager Zemke saw his walking when 28 employees of the Jemez Mountain Electric Co-op., R.E.A., walked into the Santa Fe Unit meeting to be obligated into our union. Seven others who were on duty could not attend and will be obligated later by the Jemez Mountain Unit themselves.

This culmination of Elmer's dream took no small effort on his and his assistant's, Brother Cliff Clark's part, ably assisted by others. Brother Frank Franier, (formerly of Buffalo, New York), Chairman of the Santa Fe-Los Alamos Unit, our "old old-timer" (Frank has the oldest active card in our local) generously called on Brother Cliff, as this was his first effort at organization, to give the obligation to the 28 applicants. And Cliff, showing off and bursting with pride gave the obligation from memory—no small feat.

So this Jemez Mountain Electric Co-op Unit became our seventh unit, and with the two monthly meetings in Albuquerque makes a total of nine meetings a month. Elmer told me over the phone last night that they had negotiated a very favorable wage agreement, comparable to a new wage agreement recently negotiated with the Public Service Company, and he stated in his report to the Executive Board the new Public Service agreement was comparable to the best in the Seventh District.

One of the members of the Public Service Negotiating Committee, Brother Delbert F. Duncan, scout

Complete Important Arizona Power Link



These members of Local 640, Phoenix, Ariz., recently assisted in the completion of the important power link in the Parker Davis Power Project, the substation for the Reclamation Bureau at Mesa, Ariz. They are identified in the accompanying local's letter.

master of L.U. 611—sponsored Boy Scout Troop and a very active member of the union, was promoted to the position of safety engineer over all of the properties of the Public Service Company. To Brother D. F. Duncan, congratulations! — and may your promotion lead to an even greater future. Your leadership in the local union and on the committee will be missed, but your example of leadership will long be remembered by your Brothers of L.U. 611. And three bells too for the spirit of the Public Service Company who for the second time in less than a year has gone to the rank and file of our members and promoted one to a position of responsibility and trust. May that spirit always live!

Next month being June, our local like hundreds of others in the I.B.E.W. will have election of officers. The elected officers are the men who are going to attend to your affairs during the next two or four years. Because of our mail ballot, there is no reason for a member not voting—and voting, my Brothers, is not only a privilege but it is your duty!

W. L. STROHECKER, P. S.

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G. X. Barker Studies European Labor

L. U. 613, ATLANTA, GA.—We can think of no better way to begin this article than to advise its readers that our own Vice President G. X. Barker,

who holds card number 555421 in our local union, will depart from Atlanta, February 29, with other representatives of labor, to study problems of labor in Europe. We don't know who is responsible for selecting Brother Barker for this important task, but in our opinion a better man could not have been found for the job. There is an old expression that, "A trip of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Brother Barker is about to take this first step, and we wish him a happy, safe, and successful journey every step of the way.

At the moment, there are several items of news in our local. Outstanding in our mind is the work being performed by our Examining Board. This board, consisting of Chairman Aaron Landers, Virgil Neal, Ed Lester, P. E. Jones and Tom Medlock, have been burning the midnight oil for the last two months. When this new board took office last June there were more than a hundred applications on file for examination and classification. It took courage for Brother Landers and his board to accept this job gratis, with such a backlog of applications waving them in the face. One must understand the type of man to really appreciate the job he does. Brother Landers is the conscientious type who tackles each job of examining and classifying young electricians as though he were trying to transmit to his own children the knowledge and skills which he himself has acquired. Under

Brother Landers, our Examining Board has proved itself to be a group of men upon whom we can rely; men who are burden bearers, and not seeking personal gain; men who are strong and efficient; men who have accepted tasks that are hard, fatiguing, and wearying; men who do not complain of petty personal gripes, and greatest of all, men who do not duck their responsibility, but who are ready and willing at all times to meet each problem in a tactful, diplomatic manner. Under the supervision of Brother Landers, the Examining Board has caused old forms of negligence to vanish by adoption of new forms of efficiency, and the board has done nothing less than a magnificent job in reducing the huge stack of applications. Those of us who are in a position to know the heartaches, and the complicated problems arising from the routine operations of a large local union will take off our hats to such an Examining Board, and say, "Well done, our good and faithful servants."

In our opinion, this Board has clearly demonstrated the spirit of our Brotherhood, which today stands out front as the greatest union in the world.

HOWARD DURAND, P. S.

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Finish Big Station Near Mesa, Arizona

L. U. 640, PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Some of the Southwest's hungry appetite for electric power has been satisfied by the completion of an important link in the Parker Davis Power Project by the construction of a 230-69-13.8 K.V. substation for the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation at Mesa, Arizona.

This project was under the administration of the Basic Electric, Inc. of Phoenix, Arizona, and Los Angeles, California. Out of the desert sands came the fulfillment of this job manned by members of I.B.E.W. Local 640, Phoenix, Arizona. This work consists of the installation of a 50,000 K.V.A. 13.8 K.V. synchronous condenser, four 22,500 K.V.A. transformers, 230 K.V., 69 K.V., and 13.8 K.V. oil circuit breakers, control boards, conduit and cables, air circuit breakers, 500 C.M. strain bus and smaller L.P.S. bus, lightning arresters, storage batteries with chargers.

This photo was taken at the time our International Vice President was visiting in Phoenix at which time I.B.E.W. and N.E.C.A. representatives had taken the opportunity to inspect the installation of the synchronous condenser. The photograph shows, from left to right: Charles Jones; C. J. Voss; C. J. Hardison; Henry Van Ess, business manager

Local 640; H. R. Pettet, business manager Local 387; Chet Foreman, G. E. engineer; Bill Hess, manager, Basic Electric, Los Angeles N.E.C.A. employer; W. L. Ingram, Vice President Seventh District, I.B.E.W.; Jerome Kelleher, chapter manager, Arizona Chapter, N.E.C.A. Front row: George Norris; W. J. Dougherty; Archie Ryan; L. H. Lee and Joe Jones.

Twenty members were on this job at the peak of construction. If our State sister local at Tucson has anything spectacular going on besides telling lies about the weather, we would like to see it in a letter to the JOURNAL.

H. S. SMITH, P. S.

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Outstanding Service To Blood Program

L. U. 561, MONTREAL, QUE., CANADA—Greetings. This month we would like to tell you about a Brother who has really done a great job, Blood Banker Edward Gray, a one man blood bank. This blood bank at the "Point" shops illustrates what one man with an idea can do. Brother Ed. Gray, 51 years old, set himself up as a one man blood bank to look after the needs of 4000 men and their families. When the Red Cross began calling for blood donors in 1941 to help the wounded men overseas, Brother Gray undertook to organize the shops, having maintained an active interest in blood donations ever since 1935 when he lost a seven-year old son, having at that time given his son three blood transfusions in eight days.

With the help of the C. N. Federation, Shops Crafts Employees, Dr. K. E. Dowd and Mr. A. C. Melanson, works manager, he arranged for a regular supply of donors to report to the Red Cross. This was the first such group organized here in Montreal. After the war ended, Brother Gray organized a blood bank for the shop employees and volunteered to supply to any employee or member of his family blood or blood transfusions. Joined by Mr. Jock Burnes and Harry Hawkins, these three were the bank. Today the bank has 250 contributors who are prepared to give blood transfusions whenever needed. Brother Gray has given more than 90 blood donations. Doctors recommend at least three months between donations. Brother Gray has given two and three donations a month.

Brother Ed. Gray has recently been appointed Secretary of Regional Council No. 2 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Brother Dick Warraker.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Brother L. A. McEwan, who for many years was

General Chairman of our Regional Council No. 2. Brother McEwan passed away on February 11th. While many of us did not always agree with Brother McEwan's ideas, he had contributed greatly to the building of the Regional Council No. 2. Brother McEwan's case shows how strange life can be. He was given a year's extension on January 10th, had only worked one week when he fell sick.

Remember Brothers, meeting night is STILL the SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, and not ONLY when there is an election.

E. J. O'DOHERTY, P. S.

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Economic Demands For Heavy Building

L. U. 654, CHESTER, PA.—During the last 50 years this country has gone through the various cycles of prosperity and depression, war and peace, and all the intermediate phases of these two great influencers of boom and bust in the construction industry.

During periods of depression or war a demand for goods and facilities is built up, and during periods of prosperity or peace the construction trades flourish while contributing their part in supplying the demand.

That period from the end of World War II to the beginning of hostilities in Korea (1948-1950) was devoted largely to supplying a backlog demand for goods.

Recently much has been written about the difference in shortages during World War II and the Korean conflict.

World War II built up a demand for automobiles, home appliances, residences, railroad rolling equipment and similar items which caused a period of general prosperity from 1946 to 1950.

While the filling of this type of demand helped labor forces as a whole, it had little direct effect on the construction trades.

Any prosperity enjoyed by the construction trades during this time was only a side effect of general prosperity rather than any great boom in construction.

The situation today, when compared with that of World War II, appears to have an entirely different aspect.

Even though we are in the midst of a tremendous defense-build-up program you can still buy automobiles, home laundries, television sets or any of the other items that were so scarce during World War II. Not only can you buy them, but bidding for your business by manufacturers of this type of goods is so keen that if you have cash you can obtain large dis-

counts; and even if you buy on a time-payment plan the same manufacturers will readily grant you all the time you ask—within the limit of the credit control law.

The backlog accumulating today is for items that directly affect the building trades. For some time now such things as schools, churches, highways, bridges, power houses, and other projects requiring heavy construction, have been set aside in favor of defense work and items of light construction such as home appliances.

If the bottom drops out of defense production this backlog of heavy construction should do a lot in taking up the slack in building trades work.

To accurately predict the economic future of this country for the next few years would only be a lucky guess; never the less there does appear to be a bright spot in the future for heavy construction.

If a slump comes no one will escape the effects but there are many signs that the blow would be softened for construction workers.

The time to prepare your house for winter weather is before winter starts, and the time for I.B.E.W. locals to prepare their houses is now.

The local treasury should be budgeted for a long pull, and sensible economies effected. All local expenditures should be triple checked before authorized.

Membership should be closely allied to the amount of work within the local jurisdiction.

Apprentice training programs should be streamlined with a view of a constant supply of first class journeymen to fill the required demand, caused by deaths, retirement, and industrial growth.

More members should interest themselves in their apprentices' training.

More effort should be expended in public relations and acquainting the public of the vital part the building trades play in their way of life. Closer team work should prevail among the members.

The local business should be run the same as any important business with a view of showing a profit to the stockholders (members).

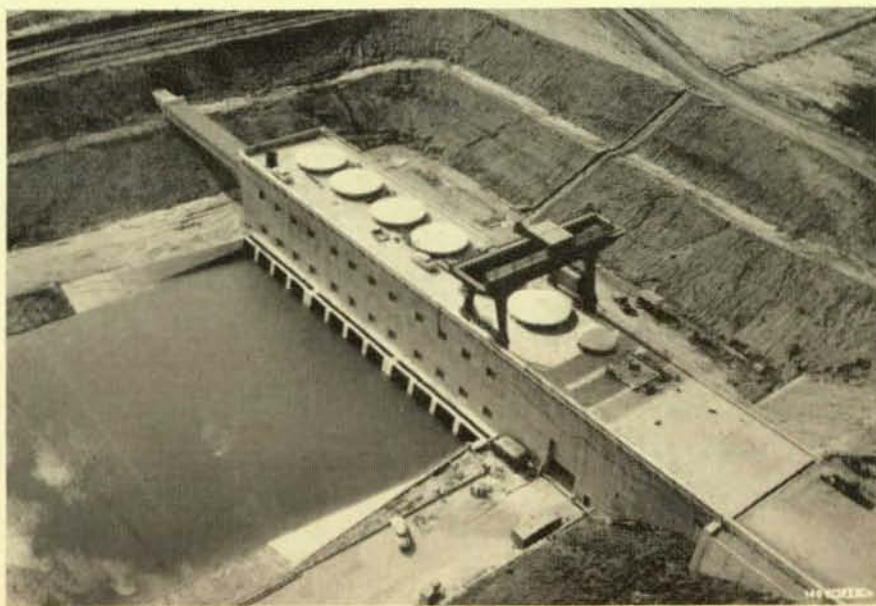
All officers and committees should be subject and accountable to a higher authority, and encouraged to base their decisions on sound judgment without fear of retribution or political retaliation.

The Golden Rule should prevail in the conduct of all local business.

Every member should be interested enough to register and vote in community, state and national elections. If you are an I.B.E.W. member you have the intelligence to realize this without being told.

Failure to do so is not only an injustice to yourself but to those who

"Heartbeat" of Central Valley Project, California



The Tracy Unit of Local 659, Quincy, Calif., has sent us this aerial view of the Tracy Pumping Plant at Tracy, Calif., showing the hatch covers for the six 22,500 hp motors, the intake canal and tunnel leading to control room.

depend on you for support and guidance.

If you can wear out your bodies to make a few dollars in overtime you can spend a few minutes to vote for those who will continue to protect your interest.

Failure to do so may mean you do not work at all.

GORDON ANDERSON, P. S.

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Introduces Medford, Oregon Local 659

L. U. 659, MEDFORD, ORE.—I am quite certain that someone, somewhere has said that there is a time and place for everything, but I am most certain that this is the time and place for introductions; hence, dear Brothers and dearer Sisters, I would like to acquaint you with L. U. 659 of Medford, Oregon.

Perhaps it might be well to describe for you some of the territory and operations within our jurisdiction, so that some understanding might be had of the many problems met and overcome in welding a diversified and far flung membership into a cohesive working local. From the Bureau of Reclamations' employees at the Tracy pumping station some 400 miles into California, it stretches nearly the width of Oregon to include the linemen at Tillamook on Oregon's north-western coast. From the hog fuel burning steam plant on Coos Bay on the Southwestern Oregon Coast to Klamath Falls in South Central Oregon.

Between those extremes is a forest-covered mountainous area, crisscrossed by high lines, and dotted by hydro developments, that has been feeling since the war, the growing pains of the fast development of vast, untapped, natural resources, and the accompanying influx of craftsmen and labor to man new industries.

Since the forests of this area are the largest reservoir of untapped timber in the nation, it follows that the processing of lumber and its by-products should be of primary importance to its economy; however, its agriculture, dairying, fruit packing and fishing industries are not to be slighted.

Located near the center of this region in the beautiful Rogue River Valley is Medford, where our home office is. Likewise, in Medford, is the headquarters of the California-Oregon Power Company (COPCO) that is now in the throes of a great expansion program in an effort to keep abreast of the ever-growing demand for power.

While COPCO's construction crews are busily engaged in enlarging her hydro facilities, her linemen are stringing new lines and her maintenance and operations departments are on their toes to maintain full production in present facilities; all employees are represented by 659 that has a very good union shop agreement with COPCO.

Oh! Oh! Mr. Press Secretary do you realize that while your pen has been skipping glibly from mountain to mountain and valley to valley, it has failed to even mention our honorable officers? Now, that's a sorry

state of affairs for an introduction. So, folks, I want you to meet our President Leo Taylor; Vice President Bill Rutter; Financial Secretary Oscar Silver; Recording Secretary Frank Smith; Treasurer A. G. Thompson; and Business Manager C. W. Crary.

In closing I would like to pay a little tribute to our universally liked, respected and most able Business Manager C. W. "Charlie" Crary; and to his assistants, W. L. Duncan and H. G. Malot, all of whom have worked long and hard to knit our far flung membership into a unified working unit.

L. J. WAY, P. S.

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Tracy Pumping Unit Serves San Joaquin

L. U. 659, TRACY UNIT, TRACY, CALIF.—Since this is our first news to the "Local Lines," we hope there will be something of interest here that our Brotherhood will enjoy reading.

The Tracy Pumping Plant is the "Heartbeat" of the Central Valley Project. Its great pumps provide the means by which Sacramento River water is lifted into the Delta-Mendota Canal—197 feet higher in elevation—enroute to the San Joaquin Valley. This pumping lift, accomplished with power developed at Shasta and Keswick powerplants, makes possible the transfer of surplus water, conserved and released by Shasta Dam, into the water-deficient San Joaquin Valley, a basic purpose of the Central Valley Project.

A general description of equipment; **Pumps:** Number and type; Six, centrifugal, 84-inch, vertical shaft, bottom suction, twin volute. Capacity of each pump; 767 cubic feet per second (about 340,000 gallons per minute). **Motors:** Number and type; Six, vertical shaft, 13,600-volts, three-phase, alternating - current, synchronous. Horsepower: 22,500. Speed: 180 revolutions per minute. Rotation: Counterclockwise.

The Delta-Mendota Canal is actually a man-made river, it extends from the Tracy Pumping Plant 117 miles to the south. It follows the Coastal Range foothills on the west side of the San Joaquin River. It is provided with an irrigation turnout on an average of every eight miles and a check structure equipped with radial gates on an average of every five miles throughout its length.

The Central Valley Project has multi-purpose features: Irrigation, electric power, municipal and industrial water supplies, flood control, fish and wildlife conservation, and recreation.

Along with our news we expect to show some pictures of equipment being used at the Tracy Pumping

Plant, and projects of the Central Valley.

Our local meetings at the Tracy Unit have been regular with good attendance. This attendance is appreciated by all the members here and everyone will be pleased to see this continued.

ORIAN PATTERSON, P. S.

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Antiquated Government Labor Laws Cited

L. U. 664, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.—Almost a century ago, a law was passed governing wages of Federal employees and the method in which rates of pay could be established. It was known, briefly as the law of 1862.

This law in affect stated that wages for "blue collar" workers in Naval establishments should be comparable to those paid to workers in private industry for similar work.

The Navy, despite the changes in the economic structure of our country and throughout the world, has always adhered to this law in gathering information as to what its mechanics in civilian life should be paid. Just how antiquated these laws are as they apply to workers in this day and age is left to you, my Brother readers, to judge.

Raising a hue and cry, for a modern wage survey, the government labor unions, throughout the country, through the Metal Trades Department in Washington and locally, through the Brooklyn Metal Trades Council, demanded that the Navy Department make such a survey.

The Navy deviating from its former policy of conducting its own survey, turned the job over to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Bureau investigating, took in certain manufacturing concerns, ignored construction contractors and engineering companies and submitted reports which did not conclusively and thoroughly give the wage scale chart as would apply to blue collar workers. For instance, it is reported that the Bureau's investigators interviewed certain manufacturers employing only a few electricians, plumbers, machinists or/and carpenters doing nocturnal maintenance work. Naturally the pay rate received by these mechanics was not a true comparable pay rate as would be given to union blue collar workers in other industries. And, certainly from reports of the per hour pay earned by these mechanics in private industry, one cannot but believe, they were non-union.

The Brooklyn Metal Trades Council has protested this survey, which was formerly made by the Navy Wage Survey Board. As a net result the

Navy Department has ordered a supplementary survey to be conducted by its own board for work and wages as existent in this immediate New York area. The Brooklyn Metal Trades Council is demanding that construction trades be interviewed also, it is reported.

These antiquated, last century laws should be relegated to the junk heap and modern ones enacted. This can only be accomplished by putting in office, law-makers who are truly labor-minded.

Reports from an authoritative source bring forth certain facts which make the average tax-payer wonder if all these heavy taxes are necessary.

It is reported that in a certain government building in Brooklyn, extensive renovation and maintenance work is going on.

Qualified government-employed mechanics — blue collar workers — many of whom are A.F.L.-union connected, were doing an excellent job but at the government scale of wages.

Suddenly, these men were replaced by non-government privately-employed workers to do the same work at higher wages. Why? Could it be more of the old "5-percenter" deals?

The government-employed mechanic, whether union or non-union has always been underpaid and the government agencies have always begrudgingly given increases when forced to. If the various budgets and appropriations have been declared as insufficient on the grounds that Congress would not pass the amounts demanded, how come that outside non-government contractors are hired to do the same work at a higher cost than government workers are forced to do at less?

Give your answer, Brother readers at the polls in November. But get on the LLPE Band Wagon NOW!

JOSEPH F. KRIKAWA, P. S.

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Richmond Local 666 Plans New Bylaws

L. U. 666, RICHMOND, VA.—I have good news from our committee to expect a raise from contractors of 11.1 percent which will become effective July 1, 1952. We all thank the committee for the good job that has been done by them.

Brother Wiley and Brother Smith went to Louisville to meet with the committee on a new contract for Reynold Metal Company to see if the Richmond District will give them a new raise in pay.

We have been having a good attendance at our regular meetings and Brothers have been attending very well, at the new hall on North Ninth Street.

Brother Phillip has been very sick

in the hospital. By now he is at home doing as well as can be expected. The Brothers saw fit to give help in friendly finance and hope he will be able to get around real soon.

A new set of bylaws are in the making. Hope this will be approved by every Brother of the local. We'll get them out very soon after they go through the mill.

We have new union cards for all our Brothers at the office. Just ask our good Brother Owens for one when you come to pay your dues.

I heard that some of the Brothers are back in their dues. If they are not paid up to date, you can't receive the benefit that our local gives you while you are sick.

A. M. VERMILLER, P. S.

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Yanks, Southerners Can Work Together

L. U. 669, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.—Once again "Old Man Dalie" says Howdy Doody to L.U. 323 West Palm Beach, L.U. 349, Miami, Florida and "Hi" to all other locals and particularly to Bill Johnson, George Bowes, Fred Henning, Clarence Seifert. Now fellows, we have a very big problem on our hands in trying to retain and maintain the very things that we old fellows started out years ago—to build union fellowship.

This salutation comes from a bunch of Yankees up North. However, I have found that the southern gentlemen in our fraternity are good "Joes." Men, when you read this message whether you are at home or overseas, please stand by, keep your wheel rolling. At this time we salute you, our local Brothers overseas, Jack Walker, Jimmie Anderson.

God bless you and keep you safe so that you may return home soon. I am working on a job with old-timers and a lot of young fellows. We must take them in their stride because after all fellows, these young men will take our place. Do not give these young men an unfair break. Don't forget, we were not tops when we started, we were merely trying to satisfy the contractor, the same as we are doing today.

Along with some other old-timers I am enjoying the privilege of working for the Wagner-Smith Electric Corporation of Dayton, Ohio. The project is quite large and important as far as the defense program is concerned. On this job I have run into a fine bunch of guys, particularly one B. L. Degler, (Chick) our superintendent, Dayton, Ohio, L.U. 82, and Lawrence Morgan, L.U. 82, general superintendent, also his good friend and our friend C. (Doc) Bader, foreman, L.U. 82, George Noggle, foreman, L.U. 82, Mose Degler, foreman,

Apprentice Group of Indiana Local 697



These apprentices were recently honored at the 12th annual banquet and graduation ceremonies conducted by Local 697, Gary and Hammond, Ind. Photo by E. T. Brazil, Sr.

L.U. 82, "slightly disfigured" but still in the ring, Russell L. Sharp, 1527, Dayton, Ohio, my buddy, Harvey Jones Jr. (Dumpling) our steward, Dayton, Ohio, John Seaman, Dayton, Ohio, 1527, Harry Keller, Dayton, Ohio, 1527, Jake Flora, Springfield, Ohio, 669, Ernest Mangan, (the one man gang) Springfield, Ohio, 669, Harold Hamilton, 669, Ora Shumaker, (our chauffeur and trouble shooter de luxe) 669, Red Rodgers, cable splicer, L.U. 82, "Skinny" W. E. McDonald, Zanesville, 874, "Shorty" Fred Brown, (Big Buick) Zanesville, 874, "Lefty" Louie Lucas, Cambridge, Ohio, 299, Harry Myers, Zanesville, 874, C. M. Smith, Dayton, Ohio, 1527, our old friend in the shop, Paul E. Miller, Dayton, Ohio, 1527, our good friend the welder, W. C. McKnight, Lima, Ohio, L.U. 32, a good union man, T. P. Tex Crawford, 449, Pocatello, Idaho, Charles Evers, the "bull of the woods," Dayton, 1527, a nice little fellow, Jimmie Ziegler, 82, Dayton, Ohio, J. M. Tinner, 1527, Dayton, Ohio, Jack B. Snead, 82, Dayton, Ohio, Robert Dyson, 39, Cleveland, Ohio, Dick Sibery, our timekeeper, Piqua, Ohio, my good friend Shay Abrems, he just works with us and we appreciate his help, Dayton, Ohio.

Now fellows, it's very nice to walk up and draw those big checks, but we all know at one time it was not possible, so let's try to deliver a fair package of goods. There are so many complicated angles in our profession that I feel we should try to train ourselves electrically, in order to try to give the contractor a fair break. I'm not, fellow members, taking the position that our contractors have a

right to expect a perfectly trained mechanic overnight. So, wire jerkers of all types, stand by and protect your ticket and don't forget the I.B.E.W. didn't just happen overnight. In the event you ever travel through Springfield, Ohio, our officers are as follows: George Anderson, president, Paul Adler, vice president, Leonard Shook, financial secretary, Mitchell Harrison, recording secretary, Gilbert Weeks, treasurer, "Big" J. L. Williams, business manager, who maintains our business office in the A.F. of L. Labor Temple in downtown West High Street.

Any misspelled words or mistakes are to be charged to my little secretary, my friend wife, who assists me in writing and editing.

At this time I wish to send some words of cheer to our good No. 669 Brother Russell "Bus" Davis, who resides in Urbana, Ohio. Bus fell and badly fractured his shoulder on the job where I am working. He has lost a lot of good time and unfortunately will be laid up for quite a while. I feel he would appreciate a card if you have time to forward one to him. Bus, we are all pulling for your recovery.

In signing off, I feel we should continue to stand back of our government no matter how we as individuals feel concerning taxes, etc. We all know down deep in our hearts it is the best place on earth to live.

W. F. DALIE, P. S.

Final Honors Paid Brother Ray Abbott

L. U. 697, GARY AND HAMMOND, IND.—On the evening of March 16th, we members of Local Union 697 performed the sad duty of paying our respects to one of our oldest members at a Hammond funeral home. Brother Ray F. Abbott was taken by death after a long illness.

We all feel his loss and nobody can ever take his place in our hearts, memory and union activities. A man of winning personality and a staunch I.B.E.W. member has gone to a new life and a better land and I know that, "He is not dead, he is just away."

Good bye Ray and we will try and carry on, as you would wish us to, the principles of unionism that you fought so hard for, and for so many years.

Your life was a good example of what an I.B.E.W. man should be, L.U. 697 will not forget.

**Local Union No. 697, I.B.E.W.
loses a 50 year Member.**

Brother Raymond F. Abbott, a member of the I.B.E.W. since 1902, passed away on Friday, March 14, 1952, at the age of 68, following a brief illness.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to his wife and his family. At the time of Ray's death, the three Abbott brothers, all of whom are old timers in this local union, had a total of 125 years membership in the I.B.E.W. He was a brother-in-law of William J. Knoth, who is also a

charter member of Local Union No. 697.

The untimely death of Brother Abbott has caused Local Union No. 697 to cancel its plans for a celebration on May 5th of this year, in honor of his 50 years as a member of the I.B.E.W. He received the 50-year pins, a special citation from our International Office, and a special letter from International President Dan Tracy, and International Secretary J. Scott Milne, at his home, shortly before he passed away.

In the 50 years that Brother Abbott has been a member of the I.B.E.W., he has been very active in the labor movement. He has held practically every office in our local union at various times, and has attended most of our I.B.E.W., State Federation of Labor, and State Building Trades conventions in the past 40 years. He has also been a delegate to the Gary Building Trades, Lake County Building Trades and Central Labor Union, for a number of years. He served as vice president of the State Federation of Labor, from 1924 to 1929, and it was Brother Abbott who was instrumental in setting up the present Gary Building Trades Council. He has spent many hours away from his home in performing his work as representative, delegate and committee member, fighting to obtain better working conditions for all members of organized labor. His passing onward is a great loss to members of Local Union No. 697, for all of us will miss him keenly, as he was one of our most beloved and respected members, a true friend, and a pioneer in the electrical industry, who has devoted a lifetime to organized labor.

The enclosed picture was taken by Emery T. Brazil, Sr.

The 12th annual banquet and graduation ceremonies of our 1952 apprentice class of Local Union 697, were held at a well known dining place in Hammond, February 21st.

The Electrical Contractors Association and their representatives were present, as were also our Local Union 697 Executive Board and Examining Board members, our chairman, business manager and the teachers of our apprentice group, who have done a very good job of training these embryo electricians of ours.

They are a fine outstanding group of young fellows, who have had a good grounding in both electrical theory and unionism. We "oldsters" do not have to worry over the future of our local or of the I.B.E.W. anywhere in America, with these kind of cubs coming up every year to carry on our union way of life.

Our apprentice standards committee have quite a responsibility in guiding and classifying these young hopefuls and are to be congratulated

Conduct Negotiations for Local 702



Brothers Ray M. File, William E. Jones and Leonard A. Miller pause in their negotiations with Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. in southern Illinois. They are members of Local 702 of West Frankfort, Illinois.

on the efficient manner with which they have done their job.

These boys are our 1952 graduates: F. Keilman, J. Knapik, J. Lannin, O. Nedburg, H. Perry and B. Schreiber.

Ever hear this one? An electrician coming home late at night, for obvious reasons, was bawled out by his wife who said, "Watt's the meter? Wire you insulate?" He replied, "Watt's the meter, I came ohm didn't I?" Sounds a little corny, does it not?

HARRY B. FELTWELL, P. S.

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Negotiations Progress In West Frankfort

L. U. 702, WEST FRANKFORT, ILL.

—Enclosed is a photograph of the local union Negotiating Committee on

the Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., property. Reading from left to right are Ray M. File, William E. Jones, and Leonard A. Miller. This R.E.A. is located in southern Illinois.

The Southwestern Electric Cooperative employees formerly were represented by an independent union. A schism developed in the independent union and the N.L.R.B. ruled that the independent union contract was not a bar to L. U. 702's petition for an election.

An election was held and the men voted for Local Union 702, I.B.E.W. Contract negotiations are in progress at this time. The photograph was taken in the office of the R.E.A. Cooperative during a recess in negotiations for a caucus.

J. O. JONES, B. M.

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Plan Vast Light, Power Expansion

L. U. 728, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.—Greetings from the heart of the Gold Coast. The Florida Power and Light Company, according to the local manager, has found it necessary to expand its facilities here, even though the company has had quite a building program they have not been able to keep up with the growth of the cities and communities they serve. Many millions of dollars are to be spent here on this program.

Time surely does go by fast. Here it is election time again in some of our locals. May the best man win. There will no doubt be some disappointments, but here is hoping that after it is over that those who did not get in will continue to cooperate and work together. When working together we make a stronger union, when we make a stronger union we make better conditions, when we make better conditions we will all be



Brother Raymond F. Abbott



This is a view of the powerhouse and valvehouse at the foot of Hungry Horse Dam in Kalispell, Mont., where Local 768 members are employed.



Employees of Morgan Electric Co. at Hungry Horse and members of Local 768 are: Earl Cole, superintendent; Gordon Sund, foreman; John Sander, and Harvey Hammer.



Just above the powerhouse can be seen the bucket preparing to place the first concrete of the 1952 season at the great Montana Dam site.



Bernard Bolme, left, and Walt Little install a conduit at Hungry Horse giant powerhouse.



View of powerhouse at Hungry Horse. Looks cold doesn't it?



William Potter, left, and Earl Kemmis work on conduit at Hungry Horse Dam at Kalispell.

happy and contented, when we are contented we can better satisfy our employers and if the employers were satisfied—wouldn't that be good!

Our Apprenticeship Committee is composed of the following representatives from management and labor. On the management side are Al Hughes, chairman, from Eastern Electric Company, Kenneth Dunworth, Dunworth Electric Company, Fred Van Gorder, Van Gorder Electric Company, and Gene Guffy, Lohman Electric Company. On labor's side we find, yours truly, secretary, and Brothers Frank Boling, W. E. Watson, instructor of our apprentice class, and William Morton. We know that this group of men will work for the best interest of our apprentices.

That will be all for now. Regards to our members in the service and away from home.

CARL A. BJORKMAN, P. S.

18c Increase at Hungry Horse Dam

L. U. 768, KALISPELL, MONT.—

When we wrote to the JOURNAL in February, we were complaining that snow was hampering work in this area. Now, it's mud. Trucks on the Parker-Schram line construction job are having quite a time hauling steel to the tower locations, and the farmers in the area are objecting vigorously to the trucks crossing their fields while they are soft and wet. So it looks as though it will be a while yet before work gets under way on the line to any great extent.

Negotiations were recently completed with General-Shea-Morrison Company, the prime contractor on Hungry Horse Dam. If approved by the Construction Industry Stabilization Commission, this will mean an increase of 18 cents per hour for journeyman electricians on the project. The present scale is \$2.52, which will mean a scale of \$2.70 if approved by the CISC.

Actual generator installation at the dam is scheduled to begin soon. First of the four 71,250-kilowatt generators is supposed to be producing electrical power by next October 1st. The General Electric Company has a \$4,641,383 contract for this work. The mixing plant at Hungry Horse started operations March 20th. The first concrete pour of the 1952 season includes about 4,000 cubic yards for a 72-foot section of the old diversion tunnel that is being plugged. Actual concrete placement on the dam itself is scheduled to begin about April 1st. We are enclosing a picture, taken by one of our members, John Allen, of the first concrete to be placed this year on the dam. A portion of the powerhouse may also be seen in the snapshot, (also snow). Other pictures enclosed, all taken by John Allen, are scenes at the Hungry Horse project.

Local 768, together with the electrical contractors in the area and with the help of William D. Brown, apprenticeship representative, U. S.

Department of Labor and Gus Wallin, area fieldman, Montana State Apprenticeship Council, are attempting to establish an approved apprenticeship training program for this locality. Several meetings have been held by this group to determine a set of apprenticeship standards that will fit the needs of this area. A joint committee of contractors and union members has been selected to work on this project. On the employers' side are Marion Ford of Miller-Ford Electric, Melvin Horde of General-Shea-Morrison Company, Robert Gatiss of the Flathead Electric Cooperative, Inc., Merle Ebbe of the Mountain States Power Company and Francis Poulson of Poulson's Electric as alternate. On the employee's side are Harry Wagoner, lineman, Ed Ladd, lineman, John Sander, wireman, Arnold Anderson, wireman, and Charles Byers, business manager of the local, as alternate.

V. ELGIN, Acting P. S.

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Son of Member Is Made Eagle Scout

L. U. 844, SEDALIA, MO.—Nelson Lee Painter, son of the recording secretary of L.U. 844, recently received his Eagle Scout Badge at a Court of Honor held in Convention Hall. He has been patrol leader and senior patrol leader, has received the 100-Hour Civic Service Award, the Two-Year Perfect Attendance Award, and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He has also received the Gold Award in Explorer Scouting, and has completed the requirements for the God and Country Award. Nelson plans to go to Philmont this summer.

HAROLD N. PAINTER, R. S.

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Many Jobs Under Way in Janesville

L. U. 890, JANESVILLE, WIS.—Work in Local 890 is pretty stable and we manage to keep ourselves occupied.

We have news that Brother Gordon M. Greer formerly of Beloit, Wisconsin and now residing in Arizona, is coming along fine. He was pretty ill when he left this area and now his health has improved 100 percent.

We are enjoying a two-year schedule of work on the three-million dollar new Parker Pen Factory on Highway 51 north of Janesville. The electrical work will run in the neighborhood of \$500,000. Much progress is being made even though steel has been hard to get.

Brother Cecil L. Carroll, business

Key Figures at Hungry Horse



Other figures on the scene of the great Hungry Horse Dam construction are, left to right: Harry Wagoner, president of Local 768, William D. Brown, apprenticeship representative from the Department of Labor; Gus Wallin, area fieldman, Montana State Apprenticeship Council, and Charles Byers, business manager of Local 768.

manager of Local 890 is the general superintendent of this electrical installation. He was greatly honored by all contractors bidding on the work, that whosoever should receive the bid would request his services to supervise the job. I believe his past services and capability of large jobs well done have well earned Brother Carroll this honor.

We have a new 13-million dollar power house to be erected for which the ceremonies for breaking ground have already taken place. There will be about \$400,000 of electrical work in the project. The building will be sited on the west side of Rock River between the cities of Beloit and Janesville, Wisconsin.

The Beloit Iron Works in Beloit, Wisconsin has two new additions to its buildings, and also one new complete building that is well underway. Brother M. Harvey of Local 890 is supervising the electrical work and keeping several men busy as well as doing a good job.

We have had several of our local industries visited by His Highness, Senator R. A. Taft of Ohio. There

was sharp criticism as to the refusal of labor to shake his hand. As one employe was heard to say, "Shaking hands is a privilege extended to my friends, and R. A. Taft is no friend of mine or of labor." How he has the face to visit the laboring forces, after all he has done to keep them from attaining the American standard of living is amazing. The Senator claims if the labor people give him their vote he will do everything in his power to help them. It seems he has had quite a number of years in Washington to have helped labor, but has refused to do so.

In the past few years labor has come a long way, and we shall never forget too soon the days of the "whip and lash" held over our heads. No one needs to be told how to vote, facts speak for themselves. May all open up their eyes and give support to the men who are for labor and not against it.

C. J. BONOMO, P. S.

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Edison Safety Award Given Austin Member

L. U. 949, AUSTIN, MINN.—Harold H. Henderson, card number 655234, Service Representative for the Interstate Power Company was initiated in Local Union 949 on October 5, 1936. Brother Henderson, Interstate Power Company representative in Elmore, was awarded the Edison Electric Institute National Safety Award at a special dinner held at the Methodist church on February 12, 1952.

Approximately 80 Elmore business and professional men and special guests of Interstate Power Company were present for the occasion.



Eagle Scout Nelson Lee Painter

Mr. Jack Lehman, safety director of Interstate Power Company, reviewed the accident, and L. L. Peterson, assistant to the president of Interstate Power Company, made the presentation.

The award, which is a small gold medal, was engraved "Edison Electric Institute Award For Resuscitation." On the back of the medal were the words, "Awarded to Harold H. Henderson by the Edison Electric Institute For Saving A Life."

A certificate accompanied the medal.

Brother Henderson and Max Brown were working in the south part of Elmore on the night of August 7, 1951, after a severe wind storm. Henderson heard a cry for "help" and rushed to the aid of LuVerne Corhus, who, while moving a tree limb from his driveway, had come in contact with a live electric wire.

There was no apparent heart beat or pulse when Henderson first checked Corhus, but he dragged the unconscious victim out of a water puddle and started artificial respiration immediately. He called to Mr. Brown to go for help and continued the respiration until breathing was sound. Corhus was rushed to the Blue Earth hospital by ambulance and was released a few days later. Attending physicians definitely credited Brother Henderson for having saved Mr. Corhus' life.

This is the second award received by Brother Henderson for his successful resuscitation of LuVerne Corhus, the other being the American Legion Heroism Award, presented by the Elmore American Legion post.

W. H. FOARD, B. M.

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Local Wins Five Improved Contracts

L. U. 953, EAU CLAIRE, WIS.—A considerable number of the members of Local 953 are very well pleased with the way the affairs and business of the local is being handled by the officers and employees of the union. The well-pleased members register their vote of confidence by their absence from union meetings. When they are not pleased, they come to meetings and in loud tones make their complaints known. Then there are those faithful members who are satisfied with the conduct of business and the progress being made and they attend meetings regularly and give liberally of their time and patience to promote the prosperity and welfare of all the members in general. We need more of the steady regular type of members.

The progress reported by Business Manager Elliott at the last regular meeting justifies the confidence of our members. Contract improvements

completed since the beginning of this year are as follows:

Monroe County Telephone Company at Sparta, Wisconsin
Wisconsin Hydro Electric Company at Amery, Wisconsin
Taylor County Electric Cooperative at Medford, Wisconsin
Barron County Electric Cooperative at Barron, Wisconsin
Dunn County Electric Cooperative at Menomonie, Wisconsin

There is also taking place a study of pension plans by a joint committee of union members and R.E.A. Cooperative representatives with the intention of determining the best type of plan and recommending this plan for adoption.

Negotiations with Northern States Power Company of Wisconsin are also being carried on at the present time.

Organization of the employees of the Mississippi Valley Public Service Company of Winona, Minnesota is also being carried on with the able help of International Representative Elmer A. Johnson. An N.L.R.B. hearing has been held in this case and we are now waiting for a decision from Washington.

A majority of the electric maintenance men employed by U. S. Rubber Company at the Gillette Tire plant have made application for membership in our union. Those applications were voted on and accepted at the regular meeting in March.

Considerable work is being done at our office to improve the proposed state electrical inspection and electricians license bill.

A committee is working on plans for a celebration honoring our members with 15 or more years of continuous good standing.

We have had three semesters of night classes this winter for inside wiremen.

Some time and effort has been consumed in ironing out various jurisdictional boundaries in accordance with International Office ruling.

No doubt it is the efficient, matter-of-fact manner in which the officers and employees of Local Union 953 carry out these special duties plus the regular routine affairs of the union that gives the membership such a complacent confident attitude.

SHORTY PRESTON, V. P.

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Work Described As "Plentiful" in Ohio

L. U. 972, MARIETTA, OHIO—With the coming of spring, things are not only expected to bloom here in the valley where the Muskingum River meets the Ohio River, but they are also expected to BOOM. Work is plentiful now and will be more plenti-

ful when projected work reaches a more advanced stage.

The men of Local 972 along with many outside men are at the present time working on construction that is part of the \$150,000,000 expansion program of the Union Carbide and Carbon Company. The program calls for four to six 40,000 KW units of power to furnish energy for 17 electric furnaces to process steel alloys and also to furnish power for two additional plants that will process alloys. The work on these plants will take an additional two to three years.

At the same time, the Ohio Power Company is constructing two 100,000 KW units at Waterford, Ohio. It is expected to be ready for a full crew of men by early spring.

Work is nearing completion on the Cleveland Graphite Bronze Plant at Caldwell but it will take a couple more months to complete.

The Globe Iron Works of Jackson, Ohio has just released an announcement of plans for a \$2,000,000 ferro-alloy plant to be constructed adjoining the Waterford Power Plant. They expect to take about one year to complete this plant.

The ground has been broken and foundation work is partially completed on the Texas Eastern Transmission Company's booster pumping station at Swazey, Ohio. Twelve months of work will be needed to bring this project to completion.

The Remington Rand Company of Marietta is also planning a \$1,000,000 addition to their present plant, but we do not have any further information on this work other than that we understand that it will start this spring also.

If some of you wire benders care to join us, you might as well bring the wife and kids and settle down for a while.

In January, Charles Knowlton, Jerry Douds, Claude Rexroad, Charles Gadd, Lewis Liebrand and Duane McKibben took their obligation as journeymen and Billy Shears as a fourth-year helper.

It is also with pleasure that we can look back on many man-hours of time spent on the job with very little time lost by accidents. We feel that the job stewards have been alert and concerned with the welfare of the men.

Several of our local Brothers, both apprentice and journeymen, have been taking advantage of the courses being offered at Marietta College as part of their adult education program. Some of the courses offered have been in alternating electricity, shop math, and labor relations.

In closing we hope that you will look with kindness upon my debut as a correspondent and in the event that you do have any complaints or inquiries, that you address them to

Dinner Dance of Alpena, Mich., Local



This congenial group joined together recently for the first dinner dance of Local 1232 of Alpena, Mich. Below are pictured the officers of the local who are identified in the local's accompanying letter.

Bernard Williamson, business manager of Local 972.

CHAS. R. GADD, P. S.

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First Dinner Dance Of Local 1232 Held

L. U. 1232, ALPENA, MICH.—God's Country—Alpena, heart of Michigan's hunting and fishing. If you doubt this ask Brother Larry Hendrix, our business agent. Larry lives three miles north of the city limits and feeds deer through the winter months. While eating breakfast he can count deer and the same goes at lunch and dinner. He feels they are a part of the family. Couldn't eat one on a bet. Some time ago he made a trip home (Missouri) and I cared for his home and deer while he was away. On his return I was at his home attending to his game and the first thing he said was, "Yep, they are all there." Guess he was counting them as he drove in the driveway.

Enclosed find pictures of our first dinner dance and of our officers, whom I will list for you here:

Standing, right to left: Lawrence Hendrix, business manager; Ernie Benac, Executive Board member,



never missed a meeting in three years, a willing worker; Jack McNeil, recording secretary. Jack left to work in Detroit and we all hate to see him leave; Louis Sabourin, financial secretary. Louis went to Florida for the Convention. And seated, perhaps some of the boys will recognize the first fellow; James Oliver, city inspector, member of Executive Board and the oldest member we have. Jim says, "Don't say how old!" Robert Cecil, Executive Board member, Robert loves to farm on his days off. He produces some nice strawberries and raspberries. (This ought to get me my summer berries.) M. Harris, International Representative, gives us a great deal of advice and always obliging. Mal went moose hunting in

Canada and got lost. He says he will never go into the woods unless it has a fence all around it. Mal was so scared he heard something going thump! thump! thump! and when he discovered what it was he said, "It's my own heart." Later he told his Indian guide, "Look, Boy, from now on, where you go I go." Last but not least, (I hope) we have our good Brother, Orville Snider, president and also the writer of this bit of chatter.

ORVILLE SNIDER, President

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Jersey City Local Prepares New Contract

L. U. 1330, JERSEY CITY, N. J.—It

gives me great pleasure to forward news from Local 1330 to Local Lines of *The Electrical Workers' Journal*. While saying hello and with a hearty handshake to the entire Brotherhood, this is Local 1330 signing in and letting all know that our two-year contract with Public Service in New Jersey is expiring in May; that we are, as in the past, ready with new and better proposals than ever before, since its inception in 1942. Needless to say we are a mature local now and therefore know what the score is.

The morale of our members is higher than ever because of our experiences and struggles to make a better place to work and live in day by day.

All the combined locals on Public Service property have given the System Council a vote of confidence on the newly drawn up demands and on the increase in wages.

Since the members are fully aware of what unionism can do for them, the aim then is for the general good and for an increase in wages to cope with the ever-increasing spiral of high prices.

All this simply adds up to labor's right to an honest living in an honest way. And, let it be said that I know and feel that the Brothers of Local 1330 are giving our President Joseph Alves, and all the officers, full support and cooperation in the new episode of our local history.

Good luck, Brother Alves—most inspiring cog in our wheel—I know you will lead us safely home.

RALPH L. COMITO, P. S.

Baltimore Work Peak in Progress

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD.—And now the time has arrived for your scribe Sears to give you the latest report of all the news and activities that occurred during the past month in L.U. 1383.

Highlight Number One: The work peak is still progressing at a high tempo and everyone is happy, with still one more month to go to complete this fiscal year. If and when Congress approves the new appropriation for '52-'53, we will enjoy another fruitful era for the United States Coast Guard Yard employees and everyone concerned.

Highlight Number Two: At the regular meeting of Local Union 1383, with President Huhn in the chair and the meeting room packed to the door, it looked like an election night, so help me. But the fact was that it was dues they were paying. While Financial Secretary H. Buckley was collecting same, Brother Huhn was obligating four new members—Brothers Edgar Jarvell, Robert L. Webster, Marlin E. Felmay and Daniel Follin. Welcome to your new surroundings. Brother Joe Leech was appointed sergeant at arms, so he will take care of the door. All in all, it was a very delightful meeting.

Highlight Number Three: The entertainment Committee set the date for the oyster roast for March 29, 1952. Before this report was closed and sealed, a telephone call reached me in regard to the affair. Everyone who attended enjoyed themselves, no one went hungry and there was a

very good turnout. Unfortunately your scribe was unable to attend due to personal business, although he stocked up with rolls of film and flash bulbs, etc.

Highlight Number Four: This announces to all of you that this coming month of June is election and nomination time. So come to the next meeting, Brothers, and become candidates for office if you can meet the requirements of Article 18, Section 10, on page 48 of our Constitution.

I'll be writing you.

REUBEN SEARS, P. S.

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State Conference, Convention Scheduled

L. U. 1439, ST. LOUIS, MO.—This most humble person is at a loss for news. If I could write it before it happens, that would make interesting reading.

Foremost, let us remember our departed Brothers in our daily prayers, and for a speedy recovery for the ill and injured.

Our President Clarence Fahrenholtz has recovered from a neck injury of several months ago, sufficiently to officiate at meetings and partly if not completely on his job.

We are anticipating opening negotiations for wage adjustment July 1, and we ask for strength and wisdom for the Negotiating Committee to come up with a just and equitable agreement.

We all read so much about our L.L.P.E. Now let us all cooperate and act. After all, our laws are made by the people we elect. Therefore, extreme care should be exercised in the electing.

At this time information points to our semi-annual I.B.E.W. State Conference to take place May 17 at Kansas City. The State annual A.F.L. Convention is to begin May 19 at Jefferson City. We expect a good representation at these important labor functions.

Almost daily it is brought to bear on us that the strength of Labor is in UNITY.

TOM RAUER, P. S.

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Standout Minstrel Show in Rehearsal

L. U. 1505, WALTHAM, MASS.—Full scale rehearsals for the first annual minstrel show of Local 1505 are underway with every indication that the production will be a sellout in the ticket department and a definite hit in the entertainment field.

New Cafeteria Serves Local 1500



After five years and many discussions with the officers of Local 1500, Chicopee, Mass., the F. W. Sickles Company installed this ultra modern stainless steel-equipped cafeteria at the cost of \$125,000. About 2400 employees are served each day in three half hour shifts.

Local 1500 Wins 7½¢ Wage Increase



An increase of 7½¢ per hour was recently gained through the contract negotiations concluded by this committee of Local 1500, Chicopee, Mass., seated, left to right: Business Agent Jeremiah Finn; International A.F. of L. Representative Francis X. Moore, Local 1500 president, Bessie Leo; Controller Alois Konecny; Vice President Bernard Valliere; standing: Ellen Casey; Wanda Gurski; Stella Prokop; Harvey Girouard; Ida Julian; Viola Fournier and Kitty Rueli.

Many talented persons will make their first appearance before the footlights at the April 30, May 1 and May 11 performances. Leon H. Mayer, wise in the way of moulding talent, will direct the affair. A great share of the proceeds from the tickets will aid a prominent charity in this area. General chairman of the show is David J. Coady, Jr., assisted by Melvin D. Eddy as co-chairman.

The local intends to underwrite and stage a military ball for the Korean war patients at nearby Murphy Army

Hospital. The event will climax Armed Forces Week at the military hospital and during that week the entire minstrel show will be on stage for the patients in the hospital's theater.

On a similar community level members of the local have been asked to participate in donating one dollar each to aid in finishing the construction of the new Boys' Club of Waltham building. Recognition of their efforts will be in the form of a bronze panel in the cafeteria wing of the building.

James Nelson, deputy regional di-

rector of the Wage and Hour Division of the U. S. Department of Labor, brilliantly told the membership of the many ways in which labor pulled itself up from the legislative doldrums of the late '20's and had progressive laws passed to protect the working people.

We'll be in the front row at the Union Industries Show at Mechanic's Building, Boston, May 17 to 24, in conjunction with Raytheon Manufacturing Co.

With more than 65 percent of our



Old-time tunes plunked on his banjo will be featured in the minstrel show by Leo D. Fromm, Sr. of Local 1505.



A Spanish dance will be staged by long-tressed Emma Comerford as her specialty in the Local 1505 minstrel show now in preparation.



"Someday My Prince Will Come" will be sung by Libby Sanborn in the Local 1505 production.

Blood Donations from Local 1505, Waltham, Mass.



One of the 408 pints of blood given by members of Local 1505 to the Red Cross drive is inspected by a quartet of donors. Mrs. Ida Maloney, nurses aide, is holding the bottle while, left to right, looking on are: Mary E. Keefe; June Carroll; Josephine McElhinney, and Ann M. Dango.

membership women, it was only fitting that we should sponsor a bill in the Massachusetts legislature seeking a change in the state income tax law to benefit working women.

Aptly termed the "Baby Sitters' Bill" and backed up by the Massachusetts Federation of Labor the pending legislation would allow a working mother to deduct the amount she pays for a baby sitter, or a day nursery, from her pay check at tax filing time. Forrest McNabb and Allen Wells did background work on this.

Currently the bill is being written up by anti-Administration forces. All we hope is to get it passed so that deductions up to \$1000 a year will be allowed.

The local undertook a project for 1952 whereby 1505 pints of blood have been earmarked for the Red Cross Blood Bank. A total of 408 pints of blood were given at the Waltham Red Cross Chapter and many more were promised but lack of state blood-mobile facilities held up the project. Our Quincy members weekly contribute to a standing blood bank at Quincy Hospital under the direction of Norman Girard. David E. Agnew, Jr., is the energetic Blood Donor Committee chairman who started the union's participation.

The business manager has plunged into the difficult task of ascertaining what sort of a contract to seek this coming summer. Already preliminary discussions have taken place at day and night meetings with chief stewards, stewards and officers. Con-

tract talks open on May 2 with Raytheon management.

The second year of a \$500 Louis B. Connors Memorial Scholarship examination will take place in Watertown on May 10.

ALLEN F. WELLS, P. S.

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Labor-Management Tips in New Book

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—A book entitled "You Can Change the World," by Father James Keller has a department on labor-management which would be good for all workers and employers to read. As a Brotherhood, are we really as brotherly as we should be in our working relations? To be united does not mean to be squeezed. We cannot expect our local to be concerned only in what benefits one member, but as a union all must have a share in the gain, and not just one have all. We can make the world better if each of us does for all what most of us expect all to do for us.

New tanks are being installed in the pickle-room to process the brass, which has heretofore been pickled in the reflector tanks, thereby holding back regular work. The brass work has been slowed down lately and several of the workers are temporarily laid off.

Negotiations for the amendments to our contract, which are due on May 1st are going forward.

Those of us who have been wearing

pastel gloves have felt that collecting and washing discarded gloves is an unnecessary economy, but after due consideration we realize that tossing a good pair of gloves into the trash can because we are done with them for the time is a good way to bring on a shortage which was hard to bear during World War II. If we turn back our worn-out gloves we will receive a new pair and there will be no hardship for anybody and no waste.

We hope the railing in front of the time clock in Building A will withstand the rush. It has only been knocked over twice.

Angelo Silvestri, Jr., has answered the call to military service and is receiving training with the Marine Corps.

Two of Mickey Alpert's three sons came home Monday—Sgt. Mike with his honorable discharge after serving for three years, this last year in Korea, and Guy who entered the Marines last fall. Guy is on furlough and we all join Mickey in welcoming them both.

Many of our Brothers and Sisters have been or are now absent because of illness.

We are all glad that Charles Raby was reelected as Water Commissioner at the town election. His colleagues in the paint shop did a good job of campaigning for him.

During the cold mornings the sprayers have appreciated the warm water in the bowls for their sponges. We can thank Sambo for his daily reminder, "hot water!"

"For there's nothing so kingly as kindness

"And nothing so royal as truth."

VERDA M. LANE, P. S.

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Canadian Local Mourns King's Death

L. U. 1619, QUEBEC CITY, P. Q., CANADA — Although my heading limits the word mourn to our local only I'm sure that the sorrow felt for King George VI, who died on February 6, was universal. All General Electric observed a two-minutes silence on Friday, February 15, the day the King was buried. Many of our members saw the shy monarch when he visited Canada with Queen Elizabeth in 1939.

Still more news on the dark side, this time for the employes of G.E.—is the slack that has been going on since the beginning of January and is still continuing. I don't believe we'll be back in the groove much before the end of April.

I guess I'd better add some news on the lighter side before signing off or I'm going to have a lot of crest-fallen readers.

General Electric held its annual

ball on February 20. It was a big success. It was attended by an unusually large crowd and everyone had a swell time.

I guess spring is here! I woke up the other morning and found a blue jay on my big toe. The clenching evidence though was when I saw my first lawnmower. In spite of this sad aspect, however, I like spring, personally I think it's one of the four seasons of the year, but then who doesn't.

What "kinda" spoils spring every year though, is having to cope with a financial headache known as "Income Tax." This usually leaves a lot of people with an empty feeling, know what I mean?

It's beginning to look as if everything I'm writing is centered around spring, so I'd better tell you something about the matters concerning our local members.

Business is picking up at G. E. even if it is slow. What I mean is, in January a cramp in production caused almost half our employees to be laid off. But now that the wheels are turning again, our members are gradually coming back. At this writing however I can't say if the slack is completely over. Anyway, Brothers, welcome back, we'll be glad to have you with us again.

I haven't mentioned anything about our bowling yet, but we have a league of 12 teams. Each team has five players, three men and two girls. The last game before the semi-finals was played on March 28. The team that's still on top after the finals wins the lovely trophy pictured on this page. There will be other prizes given for records set by individual players.

Well that's the score for this month but you'll be hearing from us next month. So long.

WILLIAM O'GRADY, P. S.

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With the Ladies

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with your secret." This is one we should really take to heart. I resent the fact that men always say women can't keep secrets. We can if we want to, and we've got to want to. A woman innocently, can bring so much trouble to the husband she loves by not keeping to herself the things he tells her in confidence. We all want our husbands to confide in us—well then, we've got to be worthy of their trust.

The last two, we'll tie together in one package—

N. P. Willis in his "Lady Jane" written in 1844 says:

"The world well-tried—the sweetest thing in life

Is the unclouded welcome of a wife."

and Samuel Johnson in his "Boswell's Life," (1791) says:

Trophy for Outstanding Local 1619 Bowlers



This handsome trophy will be the reward for the team of bowlers from Local 1619, Quebec City, P.Q., Canada, who emerge victorious from the tournament currently being staged by the local.

"Distant praise, from whatever quarter, is not so delightful as that of a wife whom a man loves and esteems."

Take note lady. Always have a warm welcome waiting for your husband when he comes home. Look your best and be glad, really glad, to see him. The thought that a loving wife awaits him, is all that gets many men successfully through the long bitter trials of some working days.

Then, be lavish in your praise of all your man does well. It will add much to his happiness—and selfish thought but practical—it will keep him on his toes striving to do a better job all the time.

Have to stop now—hope you enjoy these words "Of Wives and Men" as much as I did assembling them for you. See you next month.

Our Auxiliaries

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for an evening of entertainment and refreshments.

In our recent election of officers Mrs. Alice Fulkerson took the reins as president for the coming year. Other officers are Mrs. Sevola Berguson, vice-president; Mrs. Maxine Heldenbrand, secretary; and Mrs. Betty Braker, treasurer.

Our annual Christmas dinner, complete with turkey and all the trimmings, and gift exchange was held December 12 at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Welborn at Blackwell. We have decided that no one can roast turkey like Emma Welborn, so she will have a yearly job.

We have had several projects during the last few months. At Christmas we sent a basket of food and clothing to a needy family in a nearby city. The appreciation which they showed warmed the hearts of all of us.

We plan to make another project a continuous one, and that is of sending clothing to Korea. You very well know of the conditions which exist over there and have heard the appeals for clothing, both new and used, for grownups as well as children. In October we had a cosmetic party and demonstration, and with the profit we purchased jeans, sweaters, blouses, blankets, shirts, and socks. We sent these along with good used clothing and bedding which we had collected. We plan to continue collecting and send a box every time we have one filled.

MAXINE HELDENBRAND,
Secretary.

Progress Meeting Set For Radio-TV Group

The first annual Radio, Television and Recording Division Progress Meeting will be held June 5, 6 and 7 in Memphis, Tennessee. Headquarters will be Hotel Peabody. Every local in this category should make every effort to send a representative to this conclave to confer with other representatives and members of the International staff.

Leather Workers

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its methods of dealing with employers made general strikes well-nigh unnecessary.

That first contract in 1918 took the members of this union a long way from the sweatshop days and the intervening years have brought tremendous gains and progress to the workers. Why even as long ago as five years, wages had tripled. In 1950 "framers" were making from \$2.00 to \$3.00 an hour. Cutters, from \$1.50 to \$2.25, pocketbook makers from \$2.00 to \$2.75 an hour.

Today, the hours of labor in this industry are 37½ and the union contract provides for job classification and a minimum scale of wages. Two weeks vacation and all legal holidays are guaranteed. After a trial period of two weeks no worker can be discharged except for a cause approved by the union. There is a rule too that whatever work there is, must be shared. (This is called "collective misery" but in bad times it insures to all something, instead of a maximum for some, starvation for others.)

Benefits Cited

In addition to these advantages, the union contract provides for hospitalization, life insurance and other benefits which workers never dreamed of 25 years ago. And last but certainly not least, the union has tried to insure industrial peace by having the contract provide for an impartial umpire to rule in all cases of disagreement between labor and management.

Yes, this union has come a long way and now that all members of the trade are reunited in one strong union, it would seem that the days ahead should be sunny for this International. There are serious drawbacks in the way, however, arising from keen competition from abroad where cost of labor is cheaper than here in our country, from competition from the South, from a general depression in the clothing field.

The volume of clothes being sold in our country has diminished somewhat. When this happens, handbag workers feel the effects seriously. When women cut down on their clothing purchases, they no longer feel it is necessary to have matching accessories for their costumes.

Perhaps the greatest handicap these workers have to fight, however, is as they term it the "discriminatory" 20 percent excise tax which was levied on all articles of their manufacture as a war measure and which has never been lifted. It does not seem fair to tax an item as necessary to a woman as her shoes. A pocketbook is not a luxury. It is as much of a necessity as a man's pockets and serves exactly the same purpose.

These are problems which the Leather Goods Workers and their competent leaders will have to work out. We wish them all success.

We urge all our members to support this union which is not a large one as labor unions go, having something less than 40,000 members, but one that is strong and determined, one that has conquered both external and internal strife, and once more completely united is surging forward to organize more workers into its crafts and win greater gains for those already within the fold. Help this union to grow stronger by demanding its goods whenever you

NOTICE

Electrical Workers needed by Local Union 1579 of Augusta, Ga., for the Aiken, S. C., hydrogen bomb project.

Scale is \$2.65 per hour. Six 9-hour days. Time and one-half for overtime.

Contact:

Guy T. Solomon, Business
Manager,
215 9th Street,
Augusta, Ga.

or yours buy articles of leather. Remember what helps one union helps us all.

We extend our most sincere thanks to International President Ossip Walinsky, to the Coblenz Handbag Company and Eleo Leather Goods Company for their cooperation and help on this story.

Play Ball!

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back in the Eighteen-Eighties by a New York sports writer, when it was the custom for Manhattanites to refer to residents of Brooklyn as trolley-dodgers, which meant a jay-walker who dodged street cars.

A chance remark named the *Giants*. In 1888 when the team returned home from a most successful road trip, a fan called Manager Jim Mutrie and said "Mutrie, your boys played like giants."

The Pittsburgh *Pirates* got their name in 1890 when they signed up a star of the Philadelphia Athletics, one Louis Bierbauer. The details of the case made the act very unpopular in Philadelphia and one of the newspapers termed it "an act of piracy."

Tiger Origin

The Detroit *Tigers* got their name in 1901 when the Detroiters appeared in new uniforms that included stockings with blue and orange stripes. The combination reminded a sports writer for the *Detroit Free Press* of the Princeton University colors and he labeled the team, "Tigers."

The *Cardinals* of St. Louis have the distinction of being the only major league team, nicknamed by a woman, whose name is not known. It happened at a St. Louis-Chicago game in 1900. As the Missourians ran out on the field dressed in their gray suits with red trimmings, she exclaimed "Isn't that the loveliest shade of cardinal!" The name stuck and "Cardinals" the team became.

Baseball popularity has not just been confined to the sport world. One of the most popular songs of

all time and one sung at every community sing even today, highlights baseball—"Take Me Out to the Ball Game." And of course no story about baseball would be complete without a mention of Ernest Thayer's poem made memorable by DeWolf Hopper the famous actor, "Casey at the Bat." Remember:

Somewhere men are laughing,
and somewhere children shout;

But there is no joy in Mudville — mighty Casey has Struck Out!"

It has generally been presumed for many years that Casey was an imaginary ball player but actually Thayer had an actual player in mind, Daniel Maurice Casey. Mudville was Philadelphia and Casey's team the Phillies.

Yes, baseball is important to we Americans. Why even in the darkest days of the War when things were going badly for us in the Pacific, the World Series scores pushed the war news right out of the headlines, Yanks in foxholes waited anxiously to hear how the "Yanks" at home were doing, or the Braves or the Red Sox or the Senators. One test question asked of soldiers suspected of being German agents in disguise was, "What are the Dodgers?" or "Who are the Bums?" It was a question any American soldier could answer without hesitation.

Yes, in this glorious free country of ours, baseball is just one of the wonderful parts that make it glorious. As long as Americans remain free, as long as they have life and liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—part of that pursuit of happiness comes from joining with some 150,000,000 other Americans on a Saturday afternoon at stadium or park or sandlot, in front of the TV set or radio, munching hotdogs and drinking soda pop, standing up at the "lucky seventh" and screaming "Kill the umpire!" Office boys will continue burying grandmothers on "opening game" day and through the long years ahead through the centuries still to be written, there will ever be a throbbing echo—"Play Ball!"

Death Claims for March, 1952

L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount
I. O. (1)	Charles S. Morrow	1,000.00	103	Nicholas J. Balfe	1,000.00
I. O. (1)	Robert Smith	1,000.00	103	Parr J. Brown	1,000.00
I. O. (5)	Harry B. Watterson	1,000.00	103	Joseph D. Norris	1,000.00
I. O. (6)	William L. Chamberlain	1,000.00	103	Thomas F. O'Brien	1,000.00
I. O. (6)	Albert T. Gifford	1,000.00	103	James J. O'Leary	1,000.00
I. O. (6)	Harry E. Hardesty	1,000.00	104	George C. Bleiler	1,000.00
I. O. (6)	Victor Johnston	1,000.00	108	Joseph T. Borelli	1,000.00
I. O. (9)	Edward T. Collins	1,000.00	125	Leonard O. Gordon	1,000.00
I. O. (9)	Henry F. Wellston	1,000.00	125	Reuben J. Paaso	475.00
I. O. (11)	Charles L. Griffin	1,000.00	125	Val Sutton	475.00
I. O. (11)	Henry B. Harden	1,000.00	126	Milledge N. Jett	1,000.00
I. O. (11)	Sam Leemon	1,000.00	134	Henry Burmester	1,000.00
I. O. (11)	Amiel F. Olander	1,000.00	134	Peter W. Carr	1,000.00
I. O. (18)	Charles O. Eekles	1,000.00	134	Michael F. Courtney	1,000.00
I. O. (39)	Thomas Connors	1,000.00	134	Dave Cripples	1,000.00
I. O. (46)	Alfred C. Tinsand	1,000.00	134	Anthony Downs	1,000.00
I. O. (48)	Anna L. U. Jones	1,000.00	131	Ralph B. Dowse	150.00
I. O. (66)	Charles A. Boatman	1,000.00	134	Thomas MacLagan	1,000.00
I. O. (66)	Fred Henry Ryan	1,000.00	134	Edward McLennan	1,000.00
I. O. (68)	Lester E. Norquist	1,000.00	134	Anthony T. Nozicka	1,000.00
I. O. (76)	Donald E. Lewis	1,000.00	134	William J. Schmidt	1,000.00
I. O. (84)	J. Calhoun Hayes	1,000.00	136	Olin M. Floyd	1,000.00
I. O. (125)	H. F. Livingstone	1,000.00	163	Arthur R. Loucks	1,000.00
I. O. (125)	George W. Miller	1,000.00	175	Cecil A. Butler	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	Philip J. Devlin	1,000.00	211	Frank Hurley	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	John Evans	1,000.00	212	John D. Moor	500.00
I. O. (134)	R. D. Mighell	1,000.00	213	Robert A. Donnelly	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	Austin I. Smith	1,000.00	214	Donald L. Haenser	650.00
I. O. (156)	Walter Leon Flagler	1,000.00	214	William M. Knott	1,000.00
I. O. (295)	Eugene B. Knight	1,000.00	236	Charles F. Ward	1,000.00
I. O. (338)	Virgil L. Embree	1,000.00	240	Paul J. Billiard	1,000.00
I. O. (340)	D. E. Cook	1,000.00	259	Raymond E. Moulton	1,000.00
I. O. (357)	Harold E. Peterson	825.00	263	Ned Vance	1,000.00
I. O. (357)	Antone C. Schmitt	1,000.00	269	Joseph W. Connolly	1,000.00
I. O. (474)	George J. Doler	1,000.00	269	John Sullivan	1,000.00
I. O. (474)	Harvey H. Huddleston	1,000.00	271	Martin M. Spellman	1,000.00
I. O. (481)	William T. Walker	1,000.00	276	Joe Estenson	1,000.00
I. O. (501)	Claude L. Seism	444.44	292	Henry A. Gansmoe	150.00
I. O. (551)	Dona F. Bodenhamer	650.00	303	Harry H. Miller	475.00
I. O. (588)	Alfred C. Robidoux	1,000.00	313	Joseph A. Malinowski	650.00
I. O. (595)	Joseph E. Gillette	1,000.00	313	Karl H. Seidle	1,000.00
I. O. (605)	Joan Luther Nelson	475.00	357	Lyndon B. Barker	1,000.00
I. O. (664)	M. G. Houston	1,000.00	364	Forrest D. Vickery	1,000.00
I. O. (664)	Henry J. McNelly	1,000.00	372	Roy W. Parrish	1,000.00
I. O. (664)	Ira J. Tooker	1,000.00	396	James F. Naves	1,000.00
I. O. (692)	Ellsworth R. Goodrich	150.00	439	Crawford M. Grogan	1,000.00
I. O. (702)	Harris E. Borden	150.00	481	Max J. Dugan	1,000.00
I. O. (713)	Charles H. Berner	1,000.00	494	Victor J. Chojnacki	1,000.00
I. O. (713)	Walter S. Thiersk	1,000.00	494	Clarence W. Schroeder	1,000.00
I. O. (855)	Paul Gordon	1,000.00	499	Bernard J. Baker	1,000.00
I. O. (886)	John J. Ashenbucker	1,000.00	500	Lawson C. Henderson	1,000.00
I. O. (953)	Wesley A. Lewis	1,000.00	554	Clyde Edward Musselman	650.00
I. O. (1186)	William A. Mitchell	1,000.00	558	John H. Lyles	1,000.00
1	William F. Reichenbacher	1,000.00	561	L. A. McKean	1,000.00
2	Paul Angus	1,000.00	568	A. Bourbeau	1,000.00
3	Patrick H. Barry	150.00	584	Geo. W. Robertson	150.00
3	Benjamin Bigman	1,000.00	595	Raymond M. DeBisschop	1,000.00
3	William Boeckmann	1,000.00	595	Arthur E. Gardner	1,000.00
3	Rubin Goldberg	1,000.00	595	Edwin B. Isbell	1,000.00
3	Franklin J. Morrison	300.00	595	Jens Nielsen	1,000.00
3	Ralph B. Potter	1,000.00	609	Louie R. DeMont	1,000.00
3	James H. Raymond	1,000.00	629	Ryerson Crossman	1,000.00
3	Samuel Schneider	1,000.00	629	Delaney Williams	1,000.00
3	George Schultz	150.00	637	Harold V. Kiser	1,000.00
3	Richard Schwaner	150.00	637	Carvis F. Lawson	200.00
3	Abe Shumlaner	1,000.00	658	Robert C. Farmer	1,000.00
5	Monte Getz	1,000.00	659	Arthur M. Wiedeman	825.00
6	Charles W. Bowman	1,000.00	667	L. P. Maxfield	150.00
6	Ford L. Olson	1,000.00	674	Charles R. Arnold	1,000.00
8	Rufus C. Fought	150.00	702	Novie Jones	150.00
9	Henry C. Griffith	1,000.00	724	John Burton Colyer	1,000.00
9	William Gundlach	475.00	765	James N. Thompson	1,000.00
11	Ralph E. Alden	1,000.00	770	Norman A. Miller	1,000.00
11	Ernest W. Hasner	1,000.00	772	Lewie A. Mann	1,000.00
11	Frederick C. Ditt	1,000.00	774	Thomas Fride	1,000.00
17	John C. Gaffney	1,000.00	780	James Allen, Jr.	1,000.00
17	Thomas R. Hodges	1,000.00	793	A. J. Wagner	1,000.00
17	David S. Walls	650.00	814	Eugene D. Gray	475.00
18	Fred E. Barnes	1,000.00	817	Ralph S. Conklin	1,000.00
25	William Halleran	1,000.00	865	William A. Ewald	1,000.00
28	James L. Dunn	1,000.00	867	Sylvan J. Ringholz	1,000.00
28	Joseph H. Spence, Jr.	1,000.00	881	William E. Wood	1,000.00
28	Charles F. Woods	300.00	889	Oscar D. Noggle	1,000.00
35	Gustave E. Swanson	1,000.00	934	Robert A. Huff	1,000.00
38	Richard G. Read	1,000.00	940	John A. Houston	1,000.00
40	J. S. Wilson	1,000.00	963	Bruce Barickman	1,000.00
41	Oscar W. Ganz	1,000.00	965	Gilbert G. Reim	650.00
49	Harrison H. Schoolfield	1,000.00	1152	Perry F. Coyle	350.00
51	Frank A. Booth	1,000.00	1245	John E. McGrinn	1,000.00
51	James A. Jenkins	1,000.00	1322	Ernest H. Carr	1,000.00
51	Joseph H. Klimch	1,000.00	1533	Keith N. Keiffer	1,000.00
52	H. F. MacQuade	1,000.00	1571	Harold Young	1,000.00
58	Robert C. Roling	650.00	1575	Otis B. Steelman	650.00
77	Robert C. Millar	500.00	1576	Pierce Roth	1,000.00
77	Roy L. Orndorff	825.00			
77	Derral C. Thomson	825.00			
			TOTAL		\$189,674.44

IN MEMORIAM

Prayer for Our Deceased Members

Dear Lord, it is good to be alive in May, in the most beautiful month which Thou hast created for the enjoyment of man. But there are those, Lord, whose names are listed here, who did not live to see the glory of Thy Maytime and remembering them, we are sorrowful.

We ask Thee, Kind God, Thou Who made the flowers to bloom, and the birds to sing, and the sun to shine, in this miracle that is May, to bless these our Brothers and give to them joy and gladness in Thy heaven where there is no sorrow, no death and Maytime is eternal.

Comfort their loved ones too, O Lord, their wives and children and their friends. Lay Thy hand on them in wisdom and understanding, so that their hearts will no longer be bowed in sorrow but will be at peace.

And keep all of us in Thy sight O God, and make us truly grateful for all Thy blessings, and make us strong and kind and good, so that when our last day also comes, we may go in peace and awake in paradise. Amen.

Harry E. Hardesty, L. U. No. 6

Born July 9, 1886
Initiated August 13, 1929 in L. U.
No. 151
Died February 21, 1952

Kenneth Clark, L. U. No. 17

Born October 20, 1907
Reinitiated January 16, 1946 in L. U.
No. 876
Died March, 1952

William Curtis, L. U. No. 17

Born July 21, 1921
Initiated November 27, 1950
Died March, 1952

J. R. Hodges, L. U. No. 17

Born April 4, 1898
Reinitiated October 9, 1925
Died March 14, 1952

Fred Palmer, L. U. No. 17

Born November 3, 1886
Initiated November 8, 1916
Died March, 1952

Kenneth Pingel, L. U. No. 17

Born January 9, 1930
Initiated December 3, 1951
Died March, 1952

Richard Buwalda, L. U. No. 31

Born February 23, 1907
Initiated February 13, 1934
Died March 20, 1952

G. Severt Ohrstrom, L. U. No. 31

Born August 1, 1890
Reinitiated March 15, 1935
Died February 26, 1952

Herbert I. Mills, L. U. No. 40

Born February 26, 1894
Initiated October 4, 1916 in L. U.
No. 681
Died March 14, 1952

Ben S. Stinman, L. U. No. 40

Born April 12, 1883
Initiated March 31, 1938 in L.O.
Died February 6, 1952

Harold T. Vaught, L. U. No. 40

Born January 29, 1904
Reinitiated August 22, 1933
Died March 9, 1952

J. S. Wilson, L. U. No. 40

Born February 4, 1891
Initiated September 1, 1925 in L. U.
No. 610
Died February 9, 1952

John F. Doyle, L. U. No. 51

Born October 15, 1910
Initiated August 5, 1937
Died February 8, 1952

Joseph Klimek, L. U. No. 51

Born November 6, 1889
Initiated February 8, 1937
Died February 29, 1952

John C. Hayes, L. U. No. 84

Born November 5, 1879
Initiated December 11, 1924
Died February 17, 1952

William J. Hamilton, L. U. No. 326

Reinitiated April 8, 1944
Died March 14, 1952

Austin J. Kauffman, L. U. No. 354

Born November 25, 1891
Reinitiated February 21, 1934
Died March 19, 1952

Charles C. Bradshaw, L. U. No. 408

Born April 4, 1890
Reinitiated May 26, 1951
Died March 4, 1952

Carmon L. Roland, L. U. No. 428

Born June 21, 1905
Reinitiated March 6, 1935 in L. U.
No. 83
Died March 21, 1952

I. Seymour Scott, L. U. No. 438

Born June 19, 1876
Initiated June 9, 1903 in L. U. No.
392
Died January 27, 1952

Samuel Beechum, L. U. No. 565

Born April 30, 1919
Initiated February 5, 1951
Died November 30, 1951

Raymond Ford Abbott, L. U. No. 697

Born January 13, 1884
Initiated August 4, 1902
Died March 14, 1952

Harris E. Borden, L. U. No. 702

Born December 27, 1869
Initiated August 30, 1934
Died February 15, 1952

Carson Proctor, L. U. No. 702

Initiated April 7, 1945
Died February 9, 1952

Robert E. Tate, L. U. No. 702

Born October 6, 1929
Initiated November 30, 1948
Died February 1, 1952

James A. Allen, Jr., L. U. No. 780

Born June 28, 1900
Initiated July 9, 1937 in L. U. No.
896
Died February 12, 1952

Merrill T. Love, L. U. No. 835

Born February 14, 1895
Initiated October 5, 1934 in L. U.
No. 538
Died February 21, 1952

Josh Martin, L. U. No. 835

Born July 10, 1898
Initiated January 4, 1941 in L. U.
No. 852
Died March 7, 1952

R. A. (Ski Rocket) Sanderlin,

L. U. No. 952
Born June 24, 1905
Initiated July 9, 1943 in L. U. No.
602
Died March 16, 1952

Harry Eastwood, L. U. No. 1098

Initiated August 30, 1937
Died February 14, 1952

Stanley Stankiewicz, L. U. No. 1098

Initiated September 12, 1937
Died February 14, 1952

William Mitchell, L. U. No. 1186

Born October 7, 1888
Initiated May 24, 1916
Died February 16, 1952

Ben Moore, L. U. No. 1245

Born September 25, 1889
Initiated February 1, 1943
Died March, 1952

Rufus A. Willems, L. U. No. 1245

Born September 1, 1912
Initiated June 1, 1951
Died March, 1952

John Chuchra, L. U. No. 1330

Born July 1, 1896
Initiated January 8, 1943
Died December 29, 1950

George Packer, L. U. No. 1330

Born April 28, 1910
Initiated January 3, 1943
Died April 22, 1951

Steve Beny, L. U. No. 1368

Born October 26, 1887
Initiated October 13, 1943
Died March, 1952

Kenneth Hughes, L. U. No. 1368

Born June 17, 1906
Initiated October 13, 1943
Died March, 1952

Harry E. Anthony, L. U. No. 1439

Born January 7, 1896
Reinitiated August 25, 1942 in L. U.
No. 350
Died February 15, 1952

Edward J. Bard, L. U. No. 1439

Born April 3, 1903
Initiated February 1, 1946
Died March 25, 1952

Thomas Conti, L. U. No. 1505

Born September 7, 1879
Initiated September 11, 1946
Died March 13, 1952



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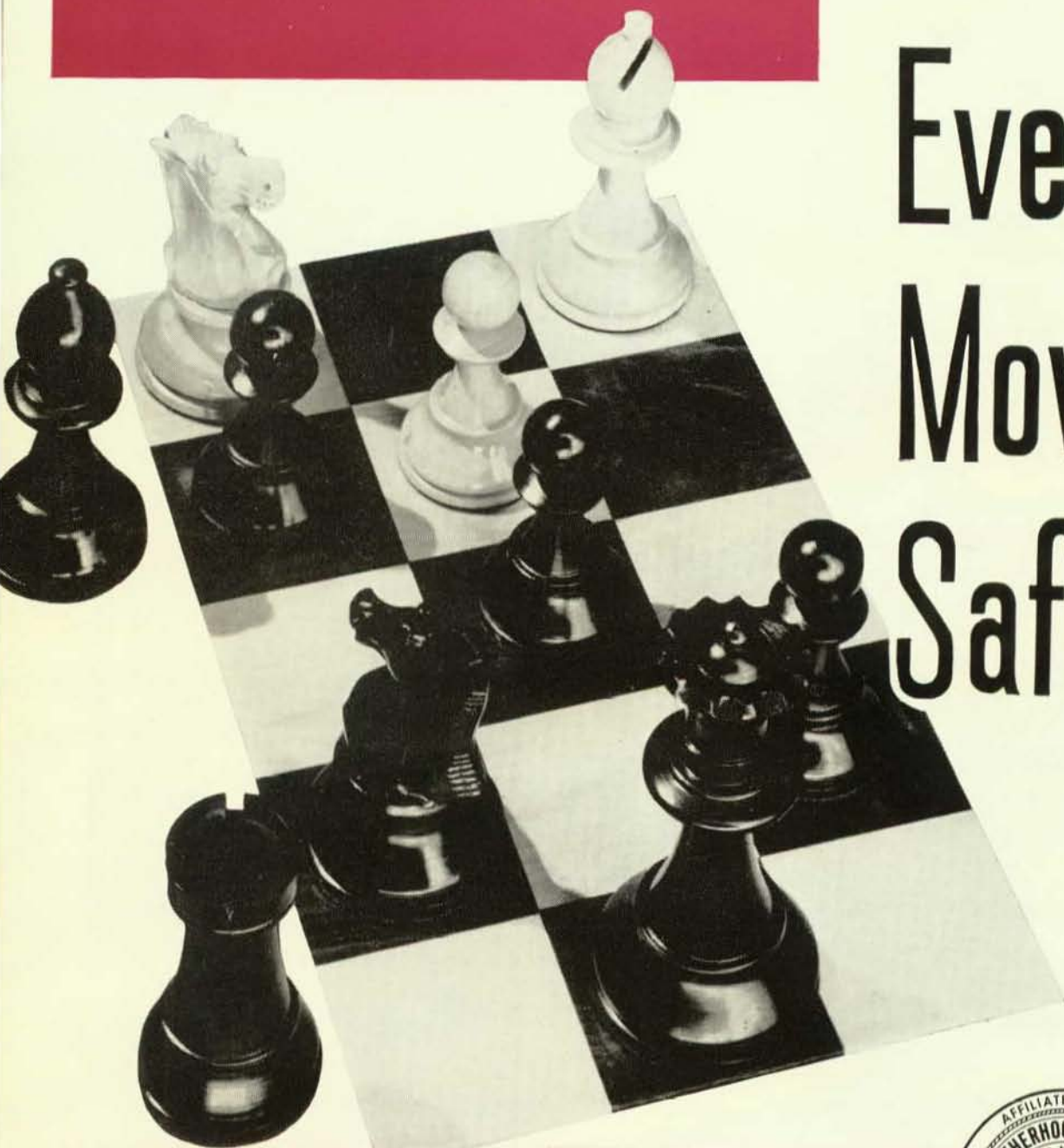
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